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FRANCO-ITALIAN RELATIONS APPROACHING BREAKING POINT

M. LAVAL'S FATE UNCERTAIN

Important Foreign Debate Pending

SOCIALISTS BECOMING IMPATIENT

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.
M. Laval, who returned here yesterday forenoon, was immediately received by President Lebrun for a conference lasting an hour, but the rumours that the Premier's resignation is imminent are denied in Government circles, where it is pointed out that M. Laval, before his departure for Geneva, would hardly have taken pains to obtain a vote of confidence in the Chamber if he had thought that his fate was bound up with that of the ill-starred peace proposals.

The opinion prevails, however, that it is doubtful whether the Cabinet will survive the crucial foreign political debate scheduled for December 27, and there is already much speculation as to M. Laval's prospective successor, the names of MM. Chaumet, Paul Boncour, Mandel and Herriot being prominently mentioned.

UNCERTAIN SITUATION
The Left wing meanwhile is growing impatient, the keynote being sounded by the Socialist Leader, M. Leon Blum, in an article published in the *Populaire*, which says: "The scene has shifted to Paris, and here in Paris the fate of M. Laval must be decided—of M. Laval who has been the dupe of Mussolini and the evil spirit of Sir Samuel Hoare."

Political observers take the view that even if the Premier should, in view of the growing opposition, decide on resigning voluntarily rather than being overthrown by the Chamber, President Lebrun would probably request him to stay in office till the budget has passed its final reading. The situation at any rate is very confused and uncertain, and it is impossible to foretell what turn events may take within the next 24 hours.—Trans-Ocean Service.

SENATOR BORAH AS CANDIDATE

Champion Of Liberal Programme

Washington, To-day.

Senator Borah has intimated his willingness to stand as candidate for the Republican Party Presidential nomination. He declared that his primary objective was to have the Republican Party adopt a Liberal programme at the 1936 elections, on which he would stand as a candidate. He added that if the Liberal forces thought it would help the Liberal cause to pledge their delegates to the Republican national convention to him, he would co-operate fully in that plan.

Senator Borah indicated that this was as near to a formal statement about his candidacy as he would make before the Republican Convention meets on June 9.—Reuter.

ALL BLACKS TEAM SELECTED

London, To-day.

The following will represent the All Blacks in their third Rugby Union International encounter this afternoon against Wales at Cardiff.

All Blacks: G. Gilbert, G. F. Hart, N. Mitchell, N. Ball and C. J. Oliver, I. L. Griffiths and E. S. Sallier, A. Lambour, W. E. Hadley, D. Dalton, H. F. McLean, R. T. Bell, R. E. King, J. E. Manchester and A. Mahoney.



The marriage of Mrs. Louis Clews Vaneck, grand-daughter of the late Henry Clews, a New York banker, to Mr. Ian Douglas Campbell in Europe may mean the making of another American Duchess. Mr. Campbell is heir presumptive to the Duke of Argyll, head of the clan Campbell.

LIGHTSHIP HIT BY FREIGHTER

ACCIDENT OUTSIDE BOSTON

CAPTAIN CHARGED WITH NEGLIGENCE

Boston, To-day.

The Boston lightship, stationed six miles from shore with seven men aboard, was struck in a fog by the British freighter *Seven Seas* Spray, above the waterline, and is taking in water fast. A motor lifeboat is rushing to the scene. The *Seven Seas* Spray had just left Boston for Bilbao, but has now put about and returned to port.

The *Seven Seas* Spray has been ordered to be attached for a claim for \$20,000 by the United States Government. Applying for a writ the United States Government Attorney charged the captain of the freighter, Mr. C. W. Bartlett, with negligence, resulting in a collision.

Boston, Later: Both the *Seven Seas* Spray and the lightship are returning to port. The former is apparently only slightly damaged, but the latter vessel has a wide gash in the coal bunkers, which has been partly filled up with piles of coal-sacks to prevent leaking.—Reuter.

TRADE PACT SIGNED

WASHINGTON, To-day.

A trade pact between America and the Netherlands was signed yesterday by Mr. Cordell Hull and Mr. Lamping, the Dutch Director of Trade. The agreement provides for mutual tariff concessions effective from January 1. Details are being withheld until Monday.—Reuter.

SILVER IN FAR EAST

Large Rise In Exports From Japan

CHINA SUFFERS FROM U.S. POLICY

Washington, To-day.

Reports to the Department of Commerce show that the Japanese exports of silver during the first nine months of 1934 and 1935 amounted to 7,000,000 and 144,000,000 yen respectively. The September exports were 21,000,000, as compared with 1,000,000 in 1934.

This is said to be far from the proportion of known Japanese stocks of silver on record as imports, but the Department of Commerce says that it has also received reports of the arrests of smugglers seeking to carry silver from China to Japan.

Other Department of Commerce figures show that the United States exports to China in the first nine months of 1935 amounted to \$31,667,000, as compared with \$80,540,000 in the similar period of 1934. There are no comments on this decrease, but the report says that Chinese officials feel that China's buying power has been reduced by the rise in the price of silver in consequence of the United States Treasury's buying.—Reuter.

DISORGANISATION IN LONDON
London: The conditions in the silver market, which is still disorganised, were much the same yesterday. There were heavy offerings and the United States Treasury declined to buy more than 8 per cent. of the total. The market therefore was weak, the "spot" price for a bar being 7/16 lower at 21 1/2 d., and two months "forward" at 22 1/2 d. It is officially stated that the market will be closed every Saturday until further notice.—British Wireless Service.

LOCAL DOLLAR DECLINES

"Spot" Silver Down

The local dollar has declined 1/2 opening on demand this morning at 1/3 1/2.

"Spot" silver declined 7/16 to 21 1/2, and there was no quotation for "forward."

The London on New York cross-rate was unchanged at \$-U.S.\$4.92, while the New York on London cross-rate was quoted at \$-U.S.\$4.92, as compared with \$-U.S.\$4.93.

WINTRY WEATHER IN ENGLAND

Fogs And Snow Hold Up Traffic

London, To-day.

A large part of the Midlands and Southern England was enveloped all yesterday in a fog, which was expected to grow thicker as the night went on. Road, rail, and air communications have all been affected. Express trains from the North are arriving in London three and four hours behind time. Many motorists have had to abandon their cars by the roadside.

There was a fog in the Channel yesterday afternoon when Mr. Anthony Eden and other members of the British delegation to Geneva arrived back. The steamer on which the party travelled was late in reaching Folkestone. The difficulties of motor transport are increased in many parts by snow and ice on the roads.—British Wireless Service.



The American delegation to the London naval conference snapped leaving the White House after conferring with President Roosevelt. Left to right are the United States Under-Secretary of State, Mr. William Phillips, Mr. Norman Davis and Admiral William M. Standley, chief of American naval operations.

FUTURE OF PHILIPPINES

Protectorate By Britain Radically

Manila, To-day.

The suggestion that the Philippines might ask Britain to take them over in the event of the failure of the independence experiment is ridiculed by President Quezon. He added that it was disloyal to the United States to discuss a protectorate for other countries so long as American sovereignty continues.—Reuter.

EARTHQUAKE IN PACIFIC

REGISTERED AT MOSCOW

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Moscow, To-day.

An extremely violent earthquake, which probably occurred in the Pacific Ocean near the British Solomon Islands, east of New Guinea, has been registered by the Moscow seismographic station, according to press reports here yesterday.—Trans-Ocean Service.

STEAMER SUNK AT QUAY

Explosion In Cargo Of Saltpetre

WAREHOUSES SET ON FIRE

Santos, Brazil, To-day.

Several members of the crew were killed when the 3,000-ton Swedish steamer *Britt-Marie*, laden with saltpetre and lying at the quay, sank immediately after a terrific explosion, which alarmed the whole city and wrecked a warehouse on the quayside.

The explosion hurled flaming sacks of saltpetre on to two warehouses, setting them on fire. Several of the members of the crew and stevedores working aboard the ship are missing. A number of workmen in the warehouses were also injured. All work in the port has had to be stopped.—Reuter.

FORMER BELGIAN MINISTER'S SUDDEN DEATH

Paris, To-day.

The former Belgian Minister and Vice-President of the Belgian Chamber, Baron Pichard, died here, suddenly at the hotel at which he had been staying since the beginning of this week. The deceased had attained the age of 76.—Trans-Ocean Service.

ANOTHER CLASH IN MANCHUKUO

Mongolians Routed By Japanese

Dairen, To-day.

Seventy Outer Mongolians who are alleged to have made an incursion into Manchukuo territory to the west of Lake Baikal were routed on Thursday by 30 Japanese troops escorting the Japan-Manchukuo frontier survey party, according to Japanese reports. There were no Japanese or Manchukuo casualties.—Reuter.

CHURCH AFFAIRS IN GERMANY

Opposition Confessional Prohibited

UNIFICATION AIMED AT

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.

The Reich Minister for Ecclesiastical Affairs, Herr Kerrl, issued an ordinance yesterday which states that since under the provisions of the "Law for Safeguarding the German Evangelical Church" and the various Evangelical Churches throughout Germany, all other church associations and groups, especially the "Confessional Council of Brethren" organised by the confessional opposition, can no longer be permitted to exercise any executive and administrative functions.

A similar decree had been issued some weeks ago for those regional churches where new administrative bodies had been set up at the time. Since then such organs have been created in all states and provinces, so that the ordinance now applies to the entire Reich.

It is hoped that by these measures, which are expected to restrict the activities of the various opposing groups, another important step will have been taken towards the restoration of peace and unity in the German Protestant Church.

This hope is strengthened by the announcement that the National Federation of Evangelical Pastors' Associations, with a membership of 16,000 Protestant clergymen, fully endorses the new church law of September 24 for ensuring the continued existence of the German Evangelical Church, and has requested all its associated organisations to co-operate to the best of their ability for the purpose of realising the Reich Church Committee's aim.—Trans-Ocean Service.

REPRESENTATIONS AT ROME

AMBASSADOR OBJECTS TO DUCE'S SPEECH

FASCIST COUNCIL ADJOURNS WITHOUT REACHING DECISION

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

The growing tension between France and Italy appears to be indicated by the report that immediately after the publication of Signor Mussolini's speech at Pontinia the French Ambassador visited the Secretary of State, Signor Suvich, and strongly protested against the uncompromising passages in the speech directed against the Powers participating in sanctions. Signor Suvich is stated to have rejected the protest.

It is not yet possible to obtain official confirmation of the Geneva rumours that Signor Mussolini had been informed by M. Laval and Sir Samuel Hoare concerning the contents of the peace formula before the proposals were definitely drawn up, and that the Duce had privately given an assurance that he would accept the plan as a basis for peace negotiations. If the rumour should prove correct it would indeed help to explain some of the hitherto inexplicable events of the past two weeks.

It is generally anticipated here that Signor Mussolini will refrain from formally replying to the peace proposals. This would mean that France, now as before, would be bound by sanctions and must, if England so desires, even take part in the oil embargo. Thus the critical international situation which M. Laval for some months past has been doing his best to forestall may arise shortly after the New Year.—Trans-Ocean Service.

NAVAL TALKS IN LONDON

No Definite Conclusions Yet Reached

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE

London, To-day.
In addition to the preliminary session of the Naval Conference on December 9 and one meeting of the heads of the delegations, there have been seven meetings of the first committee to date. The meetings, which have been conducted in a most friendly atmosphere, have so far been devoted to consideration of the question of the system of the quantitative of naval armaments.

The proposals which have been examined up to the present are: (1) The Japanese suggestion for the establishment of a common upper limit, and (2) The United Kingdom scheme for limitation by means of unilateral and voluntary declarations of future naval construction over a period of years. (Continued on Page 12)

SIR SAMUEL HOARE TO RETURN

Only A Matter Of Time

London, To-day.
Last night's debate survived the damaging Opposition attack and Mr. Stanley Baldwin made two effective speeches. It is generally recognised that Sir Samuel Hoare's return to the Cabinet is only a matter of time. The House of Commons later adjourned.—Reuter.

It was expected that the communiqué issued after the meeting would in any event make the Italian Government's attitude clear.—Reuter.

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED
Rome: The Fascist Grand Council met at 10 p.m. yesterday and adjourned at 4 a.m. to-day until January 13, without reaching a decision on the peace plan.

ITALY STILL DETERMINED
Rome, Later: The communiqué issued at the close of the Grand Council meeting makes no reply to the peace proposals, but announces Italy's determination to intensify her resistance to sanctions. It says that the Grand Council notes the repudiation of the Paris proposals by Britain after they had been examined at length by the Grand Council on Wednesday.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy, with some drizzle, probably improving later, and fresh northerly winds, was the weather forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

ITALIAN SUCCESS REPORTED

Severe Fighting South Of Abbaddi

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Rome, To-day.

An official communiqué issued yesterday afternoon states: "After severe fighting our detachments defeated and scattered a group of Abyssinian warriors south of Abbaddi, whereby we lost one non-commissioned officer and one Askari besides 15 wounded. The enemy suffered heavy losses."

Tribal leaders and notable warriors in Gushai from all the territories of Ogaden and Ber Abdallah held a traditional meeting of their tribes and renewed their oaths of allegiance to Italy. The Ogaden warriors have been incorporated in the Italian army.—Trans-Ocean Service.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT RADIO TELEGRAPH SERVICE

From the first day of December 1935 charges for telegrams will be collected at the rate of Dollar 0.95 to equal Gold Franc 1.00.

The Hong Government Radio Telegraph Service announces that from next Monday charges for telegrams will be collected at the rate of Dollar 1.05 to equal Gold Franc 1.00.

XLT Telegrams conveying Christmas and New Year Greetings will be accepted by the Government Radio Office for transmission via Radio during the period from 14th December 1935 to 6th January 1936, both dates inclusive.

- (a) The charge for telegrams to places in China will be based on ONE FOURTH of the ordinary rate and to other places on ONE THIRD of the ordinary rate.
(b) The minimum charge for all places will be for ten words.
Further particulars may be obtained on application to the Radio Office.

INWARD MAILS

FROM EUROPE

Kashima Maru (Air Mail) Dec. 22
Tatsumi (Imperial Service) Dec. 24
Soudan Dec. 24
Rajputana (via Suez) Dec. 24

FROM SHANGHAI

Taiyuan Dec. 22
Naldera Dec. 22
Potdam Dec. 22
Pres. Grant Dec. 22
Rajputana Dec. 22

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Tatsumi Mar Dec. 22
Deucalion Dec. 22
Soudan Dec. 22
Tatsumi Dec. 22
Titan Dec. 22
Rajputana Dec. 22

FROM U.S.A.

Pres. Grant Dec. 22

FROM MANILA

Deucalion Dec. 22

FROM JAPAN

Alipore Dec. 22
Atsuta Maru Dec. 22
Naldera Dec. 22
Pres. Grant Dec. 22
Toyama Maru Dec. 22

OUTWARD MAILS

FOR EUROPE

Naldera (via Marseilles) Dec. 22
Closes: Reg. 9.45 a.m.
Ord. 10.39 a.m.

Andre Lebon (via Siberia) Dec. 26
Pres. Hoover (via Francisco) Dec. 27
Closes: Reg. 9.15 a.m. Ord. 10 a.m.

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Van Heutz Dec. 26
Naldera Dec. 27

FOR MANILA

Tjinegara Dec. 22
Pres. Grant Dec. 22

FOR U.S.A.

Pres. Hoover Dec. 27

FOR JAPAN

Rajputana Dec. 27
Pres. Hoover Dec. 27

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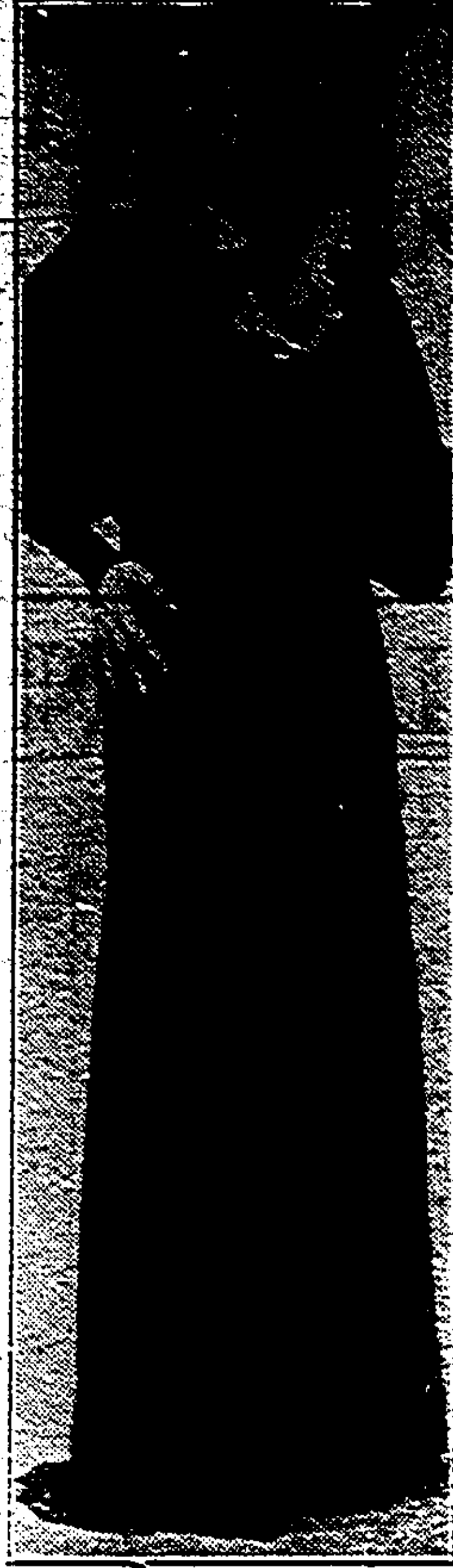
New York's Automobile Show, the biggest in years, is being hailed as proof that America is getting on its feet again during a "breathing spell." Some of the sights the record throngs are seeing are: a new departure in radiators (top), a swing away from the streamlining of last year; Barney Oldfield (circle), still finding fast cars irresistible; Helen Dryden (left), the distinguished industrial designer, who is the first woman to design an automobile; and the new built-in automatic jack (right) which enables a car to be up-ended from the driver's seat.



Two of Hollywood's junior royalty, Shirley Temple and Sydney Earl Chaplin, son of Charles Chaplin, the noted comedian, are photographed basking in the sun at a Palm Springs, California, resort where young Chaplin went while on leave from military academy and where Shirley went to relax from movie work.



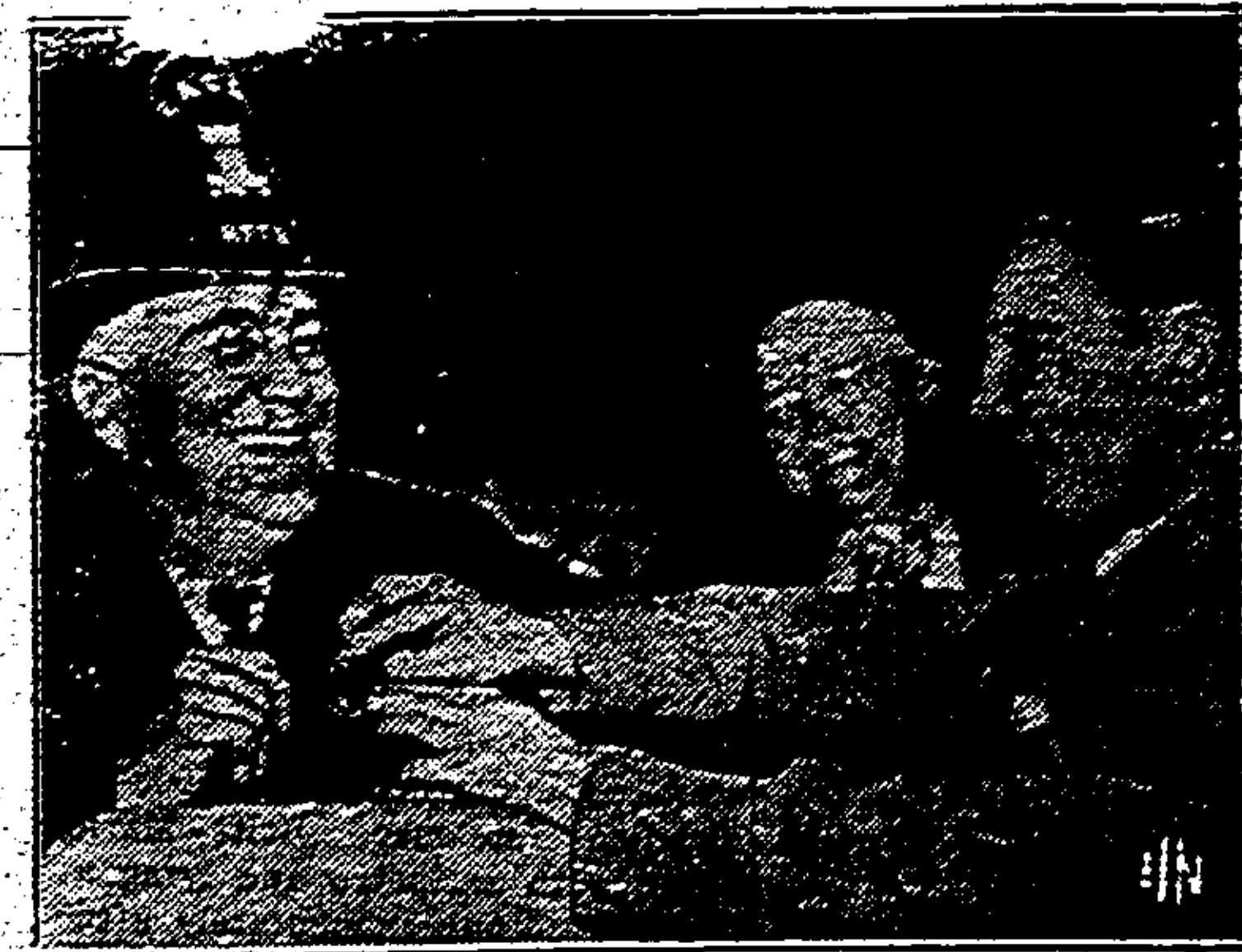
Honeymooning in Pennsylvania are Mary Moore, the New York born Metropolitan Opera star, and her husband, Dr. Albert Magee, a Brooklyn, New York, dentist. Miss Moore, who is 21, met Dr. Magee a year ago while she was a pupil of Mme. Edythe Magee, his mother.



A smartly garbed young lady is lovely Cecilia Parker in this black cocktail dress. And after the cocktail hour is over the full-sleeved jacket is doffed and she has a dinner gown. The white pique flower matches the sleeve band trimmings.



Lieut. Raymond W. Curtis, of the United States Army, with Don, the aged jumper on which he won the international military jumping championship at the New York Horse Show last month. Army officers of six countries competed. (Left) Accented Grecian drapery distinguishes the skirt and bodice treatment of this all black gown worn by Bette Davis, the screen actress. The back of the bodice and the enormous full-length puffed sleeves show a spider web of narrow velvet ribbon, set on crisp black net.



Though he attended only one fire during his 25 years as a member of the Hyde Park, New York, volunteer department—and then arrived too late—President Roosevelt is given the 25-year-service medal by Donald Todd, head of the Eagle Engine Co.

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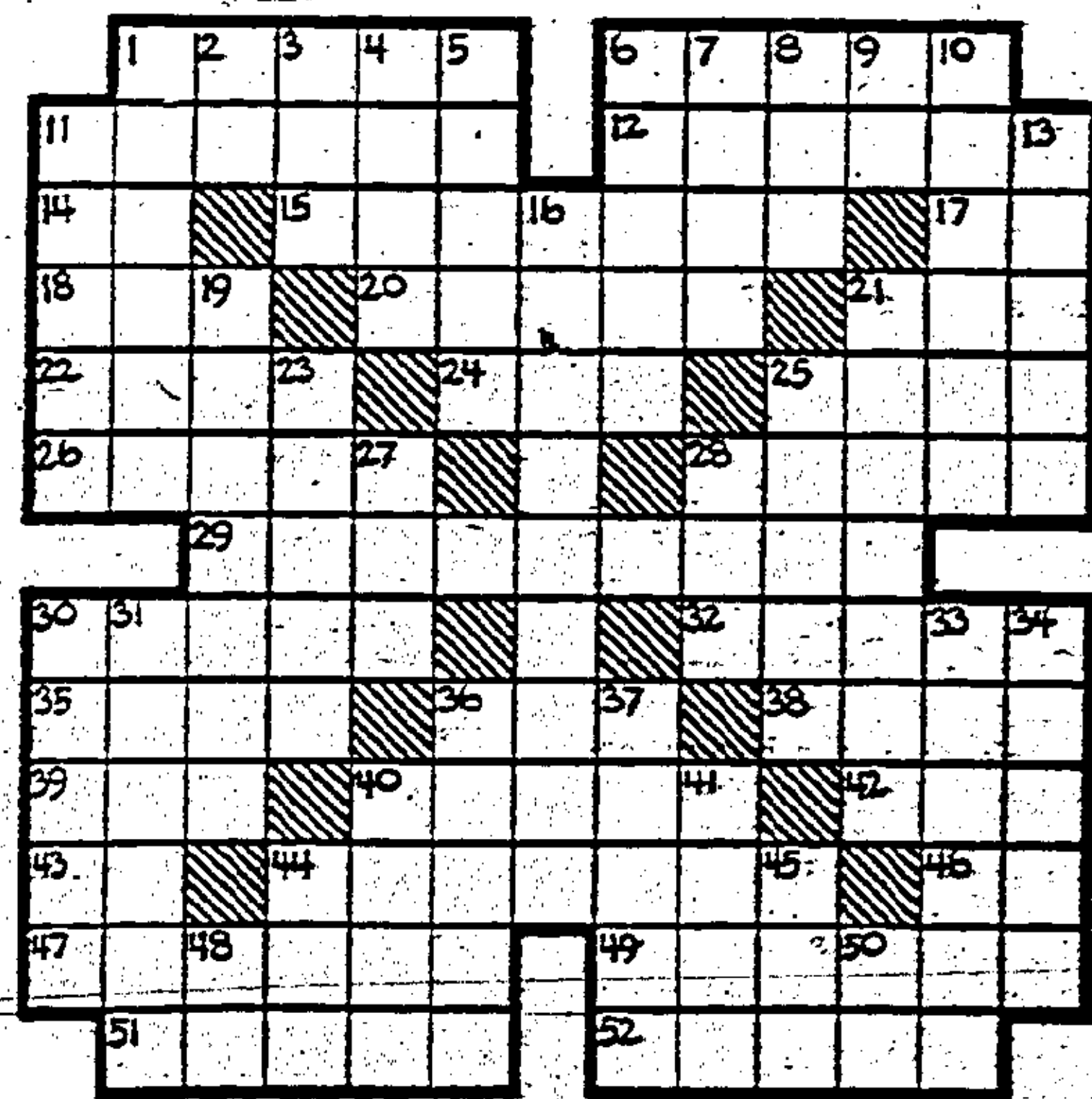
"RIVELLE"

GLOUCESTER ARCADE No. 6.



DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-Fictitious story	40-Bards	10-Ancient
6-Satisfied	42-Ocean	11-Part of the body
11-Public life	43-Country of Europe	12-Covered with a
12-Talked idly	(abbr.)	dome
14-Island group in	44-Excuses	15-Washed and ironed
Pacific Ocean	46-A liquid measure	16-Looking glasses
(abbr.)	(abbr.)	21-Checks
15-Sooner	47-One who leaves	22-Look of hair
17-Depart	49-Fragments	23-Fronts upon
18-A shade tree	51-Portions of medicine	24-Letter
20-Darlings	52-Javelin	25-Terminals
21-Part of the body		26-Sharp
22-Groove		31-Grated
24-Payable		32-Caretaker
25-Not bound		34-Short gaiters
26-Earth (Fr.)		36-Harbors
28-Having ears		37-Ceases
30-Dwelling		40-Window glass
32-Fruitful		41-Chip
33-Writing tables		44-A dance
35-Propellers		45-Look
36-Pairs (abbr.)		48-Negative
38-Walk		50-Court of Appeal
39-Farm animal		(abbr.)

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue.

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Sporting Page



LADIES' SEVEN-A-SIDE HOCKEY TOURNEYS THIS AFTERNOON



H. Owen Hughes, above, the former Colony skipper, who has only just returned to the Colony from leave, will be playing for the H.K.C.C. against the Indians in their premier League fixture at Sookunpoo this afternoon, weather permitting.

TWO SENIOR SHIELD REPLAYS THIS AFTERNOON

Good Local Soccer Programme

TO-MORROW'S TWO "CLASSICS"

Through a change of programme, the outstanding features of to-day's soccer programme are the two Senior Shield First Round replays between the East Lanes and the Club, at the Valley, and South China "B" and the Lincolns, at Caroline Hill.

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ROVER'S FORECAST

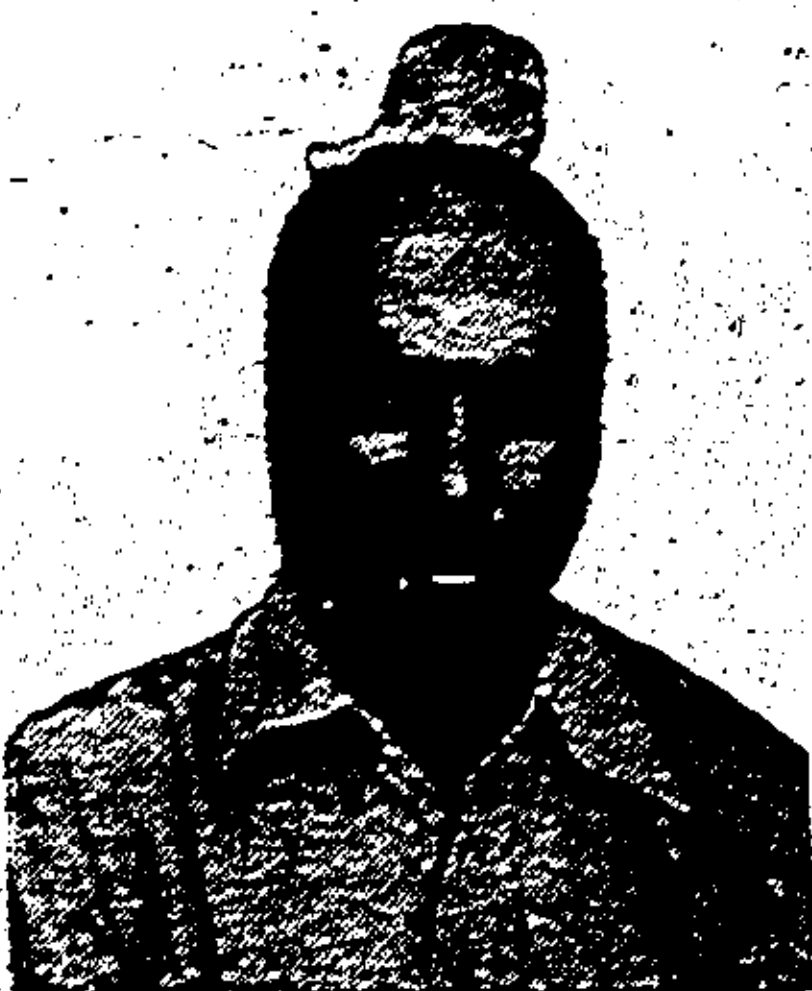
The following is the forecast for the week-end fixtures, giving the favoured team in capital letters:—

TO-DAY

SENIOR SHIELD (Replay)	
EAST LANCS. v Club	(Club, 4.00 p.m.)
South China "B" v LINCOLNS	(Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)
FIRST DIVISION	
St. Joseph's v ATHLETIC	(Causeway Bay, 4.00 p.m.)
KOWLOON v RECREIO	(Kowloon, 4.00 p.m.)
SECOND DIVISION	
Club v R.A.O.C. & R.S.C.	(Club, 2.30 p.m.)
EASTERN v University	(Railway ground, 2.30 p.m.)
Kowloon v LINCOLNS	(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
NAVY v Radio	(Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)
Athletic v FUSILIERS	(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
THIRD DIVISION	
E. POLICE v Air Force	(Railway ground, 4.00 p.m.)
St. Joseph's v FUSILIERS	(St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.)
LINCOLNS v Railway	(Chatham Road, 4.00 p.m.)

TO-MORROW

FIRST DIVISION	
S. CHINA "A" v Fusiliers	(Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)
NAVY v Artillery (Seters)	(Causeway Bay, 4.00 p.m.)
POLICE v Lincolns	(Kowloon, 4.00 p.m.)
SECOND DIVISION	
EAST LANCS. v Lincolns	(Prince Edward Road, 4.00 p.m.)
ENGINEERS v South China	(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
THIRD DIVISION	
East Lanes. v CHINESE P.	(Prince Edward Road, 2.30 p.m.)
Engineers v LIGA PTGUESA	(Chatham Road, 4.00 p.m.)



Daiis Singh, above, the brilliant veteran Army hockey player, who has not secured a place in the Combined Services team to meet the Civilians at King's Park tomorrow.

CAN INDIANS HOLD HONGKONG C.C.? 1ST DIVISION CRICKET MATCH AT SOOKUNPOO CRAIGENGOWER'S DEBUT

(By L.B.W.)

CHIEF interest in to-day's cricket will be centred on the first division league match between the Indian Recreation Club and the Hong Kong Cricket Club at Sookunpoo, which should produce plenty of good cricket and which will probably end in a draw.

Both teams have played two matches each and, while the Indians have secured maximum points for their games, the Club lost two very valuable points when they drew with the Army last week.

The Club will have a very strong team out, including H. Owen Hughes, the former Colony skipper, who has just returned from leave, and A. C. Beck, the Interport fast bowler, who has come up from Manila to spend his Xmas holidays here. The I.R.C. are also at full strength.

Craigengower Cricket Club will open their league programme with a match against the Navy, who will be stronger than they have been for the past few weeks due to the fact that Lt. Holland-Martin will be making a welcome re-appearance in the team.

As far as can be ascertained, the only other league match to-day is a second division fixture between the Navy and Craigengower at King's Park, though there are a few friendly matches which should be worth watching, especially the Kowloon-Army game on the former's ground.

Club-Indians Game

The Indians will have the advantage of playing on their own ground against the Club and as far as I can see whoever wins the toss will send the other side in to bat.

Although neither Owen Hughes nor Beck has had much cricket lately, they ought to strengthen the Club very considerably, especially Beck who will be filling a long felt want as a fast bowler.

Alec Pearce showed really good form against the Army when he played a chanceless innings for 107 not out last Saturday, but the I.R.C. attack is considerably stronger than the Army's. In the field the Indians are a very keen side, though they were not very impressive when they played the Army earlier in the season.

So far as the I.R.C. batting is concerned, A. H. Madar has shown a return to the good form he displayed in the Interport trials, while A. S. Siffert is just the type to upset the best bowling, being a hitter of the lucky type.

The official time for drawing stumps in December is 5.45 p.m. so it is to be hoped that the match will start punctually at 2 p.m.

Navy's Chances Rosy

Despite the fact that they were beaten by the Indians last week, I rather fancy the Navy's chances against Craigengower at Happy Valley. Lt. Branwell will again be captaining the side, and this time he will have the assistance of Lt. Holland-Martin, who, in addition to being an excellent wicket-keeper, is also a very fine bat, as well as Lt. Miers and Surg. Lt. Davenport, the latter being a very difficult man to shift.

Craigengower will be playing their first league match under the leadership of A. T. Lee, formerly of the University. They will have the services of U. M. Omar, A. B. Hanson and Francis Zimmermann. They are hardly strong enough to beat the Navy, though there should be some tall scoring.

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ARGONAUTA TEAM FOR MANAK CLASH

The following will represent the Argonauta against the Royal Engineers "A" in their Mamak Hockey Tournament fixture to-morrow on the U.S.K.C. ground, King's Park, at 11 a.m.

N. Faria, A. A. de Almeida, E. Alves, E. Goncalves, J. Goncalves, T. Alves, V. Nolasco, A. S. Xavier, A. M. Xavier, P. Xavier and A. Angelo.

GOLF NOTES

(By "NIBLICK")

AS predicted in this column some time ago, the two places in the final of the Kowloon Golf Club Championship have been filled by the same players as last year.

On Sunday last A. L. Eastman fell to D. C. Wilson. The latter was downy two on the 17th tee, lost the hole to become downy one, and then annexed the eighteenth to finish two up and earn the right to meet A. W. da Roza over 36 holes to-morrow for the senior title.

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HOLE IN ONE

E. G. JUDD was presented with a free bottle of whisky and had the doubtful pleasure of standing drinks all-round last week end when his tee shot found the cup at the "blind hole."

My record shows that this is the third hole-in-one on the Kowloon City course. E. Christenson and S. McNider previously gained the distinction at the fourth hole. It seems strange that the second hole has never been conquered from the tee, particularly when one remembers that the base of the flag cannot be seen when driving to the fourth and sixth, while the second to "wide open."

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CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

ONE hundred and twenty four dollars was handed over to the Children's Playground Association as a result of the K. G. Club's annual effort. This is a considerable increase on last year's total and I hope the example set will be followed by other sports Clubs in the Colony.

The playgrounds provided by this institution fill a long-felt need, and one has only to see the undoubted joy of the youngsters playing organised games in the protection of an enclosed space to realise the real usefulness of the Association.

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OVERHEARD AT THE NINETEENTH

".....and he remarked to E. G. that the sixth was the 'blind hole'—so what?"

".....of course Jimmy's good in an argument, he holds up his end of the conversation until it is nearly perpendicular."

".....he didn't say Mac was a ham, he said Mac had won one." ".....Eustace could not get his bottle home, even though he'd won it twice, and D.C. said it with chocolates."

ST. JOHN CUP SWEEP

The St. John Cup Sweep will be drawn to-morrow morning at 11 a.m., at the Kwantia Race Course.

"Y" & C.B.A. LADIES IN PEARCE CUP FINAL? DIOCESAN GIRLS AND C.B.S. JUNIOR CLASSIC SIX MATCHES FEATURED

(By "Sticks")

TO-DAY is a "Red-Letter" day in ladies' hockey circles as the semi-finals and finals of the Pearce Cup and Knill Cup for the Senior and Junior Seven-a-Side tournaments, respectively, take place at King's Park on the Central British Association ground, where six matches will be featured.

In the Senior competition, the "Y" Ladies, holders of the Pearce Cup, will encounter the St. Andrew's Ladies, who received a bye into the semi-final round, and, despite the loss of Miss Thomson and the weakness at forward caused by Miss S. Dalziel's transfer to the centre-half position, the former team should enter the finals.

The "Y" Ladies are a very fast team, and with three good forwards in Miss O. Dalziel, Miss J. Avey and Miss M. Westcott, they should succeed.

BADMINTON

Four Matches In Mixed Doubles League

C.R.C. WIN BY ODD SET

Four matches in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League were decided last night, when the Club de Recreio "A" team outplayed the Kowloon Tong Club by 3 sets to 1; the Chinese Recreation Club beat the Club de Recreio "B" team by 5 sets to 4; the St. Andrew's Club defeated the Talkoo Recreation Club by 7 sets to 2, and the Fire Brigade Recreation Club overwhelmed the Sailors' and Sailors' Home by nine sets to nil.

The results of the games were as follows:—

Fire Brigade's Easy Win

At Wanchai last night, the Fire Brigade Recreation Club beat the Sailors' and Sailors' Home by 9 sets to nil:

D. Waylen and Miss M. Doiz (S. and S. Home)..... 3-2
lost to E. L. H. Shute and Mrs. Shute..... 10-21
lost to J. L. Anderson and Mrs. Wild..... 19-21
lost to A. L. Fisher and Mrs. Kirkwood..... 8-21

Kirkwood and Mrs. A. R. Brown (S. and S. Home)..... 3-2
lost to Shute and Shute..... 6-21
lost to Anderson and Wild..... 14-21
lost to Fisher and Kirkwood..... 5-21

L. C. Gibbons and Mrs. E. Lloyd-Jones (S. and S. Home)..... 3-2
lost to Shute and Shute..... 2-21
lost to Anderson and Wild..... 5-21
lost to Fisher and Kirkwood..... 7-21

Talkoo Lose At Home

At Quarry Bay last night, the St. Andrew's Club beat the Talkoo Recreation Club by 7 sets to 2:

T. Stainton and I. Summers (Talkoo)..... 3-2
lost to E. F. Fincher and Miss M. Chinn..... 15-21
lost to H. Kew and Mrs. Dawson..... 4-21
beat R. H. Wong and Miss F. Wong..... 24-22

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In the other semi-final tie, the Central British Association, who defeated the Hong Kong "A" in the First Round, should have no difficulty in entering the final round at the expense of the Hong Kong Ladies' "B" team, who received a bye.

The final will probably be played between the "Y" Ladies and the C.B.A. Ladies and, on the whole, the holders should win by a very small margin.

Junior 7-A-Sides

The most interesting matches in the Seven-a-Sides, however, are the semi-finals and final of the Knill Cup, which has been presented by Miss Helen Knill, the Interport right-wing and former Vice-President of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Association.

HOCKEY POSTPONED

Owing to the inclement weather and poor state of the ground, the semi-finals and final of the Pearce and Knill Ladies' Seven-a-Side hockey trophies, scheduled for to-day, will be played off next Saturday, weather permitting.

One of the most pleasing features of the junior tournament is the entry into the semi-final round of the Diocesan Girls' School, who in their first year of hockey have accomplished wonders.

"They recently defeated the Hong Kong Ladies' "C" team by 2 goals to 1, Miss H. Bockler, their brilliant leader being mainly responsible.

McGillchrist is still unable to turn out, and now Meeks cannot play owing to an injury sustained in last week's game.

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The following are the Pearce Cup and Knill Cup draws:—

Pearce Cup—Semi-Final Round
St. Andrew's L. v "Y" Ladies
C.B.A. Ladies v H. K. Ladies "B"

Knill Cup—Semi-Final Round
D.C.S. v C.B.S. "A"
C.B.A. v "Y" Ladies

The following are the teams:—

Senior Team
Central British Association:—J. Walker and P. Woolley; M. Bryson and I. Woolley; M. Smith, Mrs. White and E. Blackmore.

Hong Kong Ladies' "B"—E. Strahan and J. Smalley; K. Glover and B. Hance; Mrs. Goldman, Mrs. Harrop and E. Hance.

St. Andrew's:—C. White and R. Stephenson; J. Wong and I. Jorgie; F. Wong, P. Gittens and I. Gittens.

"Y" Ladies:—A. Fowler; Mrs. Brown; S. Dalziel and Mrs. Henry; O. Dalziel, J. Avey and M. Westcott.

Junior Team
Central British Association:—B. Hirst and P. Best; P. Everett and D. Moss; D. Hunt, O. Peters and E. Rousseaux.

Central British School:—H. Martin and J. Humphreys; M. McCaw and C. Borer; J. Booker, A. Martin and J. Latham.

Diocesan Girls' School:—J. Hall and S. West; F. Fowler and N. Whitwell; S. Rainer, H. Bockler and J. Broadbridge.

"Y" Ladies:—J. Walker; M. George; M. Gardiner and Mrs. Kemp; E. Tonge, V. Bradbury and Mrs. Read.



Miss E. M. Bryson, above, is likely to prove the biggest obstacle to the "Y" Ladies in their quest for the retention of the Pearce Seven-a-Side Hockey trophy this afternoon on the C.B.A. ground weather permitting.

ARMY AND CLUB CLASH IN RUGBY TRIANGULAR TIE

Floyd As Soldiers' Stand-Off-Half

FERGUSON AND LT. LANE END RUGGER SEASON

As the result of the Club and the Army having both defeated the Royal Navy in the Triangular Rugby Tournament, great interest is being taken in the first meeting of these two teams in the competition this afternoon on the Military ground at Sookunpoo, commencing at 4 p.m.

The Army are at full strength for this game, and the introduction of Floyd, their brilliant wing-threequarter, as stand-off-half in place of Hutchison, who has been dropped, will be watched with interest.

Probably one of the finest backs in the Colony and possessing great speed and a fine swerve, Floyd is likely to prove of the utmost danger to the Club defence. But his transfer from the back division resulted in the loss of a scoring factor among the threequarters, and, although both Rice-Evans and Davies are brilliant centres, Jones and Ives are not to be compared with Floyd.

Club Casualties

The Club, however, are again heavily handicapped by injuries. Ferguson, who played for the Club "A" last Saturday against the Navy in his first game since his serious injury last year, does not find his leg sufficiently recovered, and it is doubtful if he will play again this season.

McGillchrist is still unable to turn out, and now Meeks cannot play owing to an injury sustained in last week's game.

Hutchison, the former senior centre-threequarter has been brought into the side in support of Gallagher, will again be seen on the right-wing, while Scott and Fielden are on the left. The Club pack, which did so well last Saturday against the Navy, remains intact.

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Alastair Dine, above, one of the two Indian players who secured a place in the Combined Services team to meet the Civilians to-morrow at King's Park.

R.H.K.G.C. Make \$ 16,615 Profit

Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell, Captain of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, presided at the annual general meeting of the Club in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., yesterday.

Out of 11 names submitted the following were selected to serve on the general committee for the ensuing year. Messrs. G. S. Archibut, E. Davidson, T. J. Fenwick, A. K. Mackenzie, E. S. Morrison, K. S. Robertson, A. Ritchie, A. Sommerfeld and R. D. Walker.

In his speech the chairman stated that although Hong Kong had experienced difficult times, it was a pleasant surprise to find that the Club had made a profit of \$16,615, of which \$11,275.58 had been transferred to the Reserve Account.

The committee considered themselves fortunate in having secured the services of Mr. and Mrs. Hitchins, the professional and caterer, respectively, at Fanling.

The committee had appointed Col. Matthews to fill the role of secretary for a further period of four years.

On the proposal of the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, seconded by Mr. R. D. Walker, Mr. Dodwell was re-elected captain for another year. In making the proposal Mr. Smith said that it was the first time that anyone had been chosen captain two years in succession. The motion was carried unanimously.

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WAH YAN COLLEGE

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Successful Year

The past year was a wonderfully successful year for Wah Yan in the world of sport. Wah Yan made a clean sweep of almost every inter-scholastic competition. We were champions of the Colony in basketball, volleyball and (amongst the Chinese schools) in athletics and aquatic sports. This year our material is less promising, and we expect less brilliant results in the inter-school contests. More important, however, and more gratifying to us is the keen interest taken by all boys in our own inter-house competitions. These intra-mural struggles occupy many times more boys than the handful who compete in public games; they entail no danger of dishonest intrigues, and far less danger of "swelled head," and they introduce into the school a house-loyalty and a spirit of public service which are immensely valuable.

We were visited very recently, on December 5 and 6, by Mr. J. Ralston, Inspector of English Schools. His report, at the time of writing, these lines, had not yet reached us. But I cannot refrain from quoting one sentence sweet to the ears of every earnest school-master, which was spoken by Mr. Ralston on the occasion of his first flying visit to us in October, and repeated on this occasion: "The school is very efficient."

Lay-Masters Praised

I wish to end with two thoughts, both of which I feel deeply, and which it is a very real pleasure to express here. The first is a word of warm praise and very genuine thanks to our splendid lay-masters. I came in to Wah Yan as Prefect of Studies last September, and from the first moment I discovered a spirit of loyalty and co-operation, of genuine keenness, hard work and readiness to be of service, which are beyond praise. Every new man in a big job has at first a good deal to learn; but for me, matters were smoothed out, difficulties overcome, and helpful advice given with a tact and generosity which I shall not quickly forget. I should be exceedingly surprised if any school in the Far East can boast of a finer body of lay-masters than those whom Wah Yan is proud to reckon on her rolls.

The second and last thought is for the boys. My dear boys, you and I have worked now for a term together, and I have nothing but praise for your industry and for your conduct. The discipline of the school is excellent, the attendance and the spirit of hard work thoroughly commendable. But I think too highly of you to be content with that. I want more for you. As the years pass, you will, I hope, learn from Wah Yan more than dry book-learning. You will, I trust, acquire something of that intangible but priceless thing which we call school spirit. There will grow up within you an immense pride in your school, in her successes, in her achievements.

You will come to feel as if Wah Yan belonged, as in truth she does, to you and to your fellows. You will come to realise that you bear about with you everywhere bigger interests than your own; that you are the guardians, all ways and in all places, of the honour of your school. And you will, I trust, be proud, just for the sake of Wah Yan and of her splendid history, to carry on the fine traditions of the past.

Particular Points

You will be polite, punctual, hard-working, truthful, trustworthy; clean in person and in speech; ready to sacrifice your own convenience, to give up your own wishes for the good of the majority. You will play a losing game, or run a beaten race, out to the bitter end, knowing that Wah Yan is prouder of a gallant loser than of a selfish and ungenerous victor.

And after your years in school are ended, as are the years of many here this morning, you will go out into the world, bearing with you much that will stand the wear-and-tear of life: high ideals of unselfishness, clear principles of right and wrong. And you will cherish, too, as I trust

all our old boys cherish, the realisation that behind you, in the big school above the harbour, you have left life-long friends, friends to whom you can turn for sympathy and encouragement and help in your hour of need.

This is the spirit which I want to see grow amongst you, boys, the spirit of justice, of loyalty, of unselfishness; the spirit of Wah Yan.

Headmaster's Speech

In the course of his speech the Rev. Fr. R. W. Gallagher, S.J., said in part: "Our boys this year by voluntary contributions and by organising a stall at the St. Vincent de Paul Bazaar raised nearly \$500 for the poor. The stall was organised by the Photographic Society which won many prizes in competitions during the year."

"School begins as soon as it ends. When the last bell sounds, and our Class 1 boys cross the threshold of their Alma Mater for the last time as school-boys, they enter a school which is at times very hard. They still need guidance, they still need help, they still need friends, more, perhaps, than ever before. Therefore it is our duty to continue to take an interest in them, as it is theirs to keep in touch with us."

Trust Fulfilled

Let me say here that we in Wah Yan College endeavour to fulfil our trust, and if a link in the chain snaps the snapping is not of our doing. Of last year's Class 1 boys we are in touch with 70 out of a possible 74. 25 are in Universities or Colleges of Higher Studies in Hong Kong, England, Canton, Peiping, Dublin, Boston, Switzerland; two have joined Military Academies; 10 are pursuing Commercial Studies; 6 are running a College; 21 are in Business (all except 5 in Hong Kong); and 6 are with us in this year's Class 1.

"To forge a stronger chain we have established a Wah Yan Past Students' Association, at the second General Meeting of which, held in November, the membership was given as 163. It is a very live organisation, which by means of picnics, lectures, "at homes," meetings (there was at least one every month), brought the Past Students into closer touch with one another and with the College. I must thank the Association for the prizes which it has presented for Chinese Essays and for progress in speaking at debates, as well as for the interest it manifests in the present pupils at Wah Yan."

Prize-Winners

The following is the full list of prize-winners:

Public Examinations 1934-1935

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

Honours and Matriculation. Leung Chik Luen, with distinction in English, Algebra, Geometry.

Tan Ah Ang, with distinction in English, French.

Wong Chung Ngai, with distinction in English, Algebra, Trigonometry.

Wong Kam Ngok, with distinction in English, Algebra, Geometry.

Wong Chin Hin, with distinction in Algebra, Trigonometry, Biblical Knowledge.

Yee Wai Yum, with distinction in Trigonometry.

Sir Robert Ho Tung Scholarship: Leung Chik Luen.

Past and Matriculation. Pung Shin Wo, with distinction in Algebra, Trigonometry.

Lee Kwok Leung, with distinction in Trigonometry.

Lee Yo Wing, with distinction in Geography.

Wong Kiang Tong, with distinction in Algebra, Trigonometry.

Yee Shou San, Paul, Lee Hok Nin, (matriculation).

Pass. Ah Kow Ng Chung Hin, with distinction in Trigonometry, French.

Lee Sai Hong, with distinction in Algebra.

Lim How Ping, Paul, with distinction in Trigonometry.

Ng Shui Ming.



Miss Jean Batten, the young New Zealand airwoman, above, broke three records on her recent flight across the South Atlantic Ocean.

Wong King Fong, 3. Wong Wing Kin. Class 3C: 1. Chu Chuk Yow, 2. Lam Cho Yee, 3. Lee Shing To. Class 4A: 1. Wong Shin Ngo, 2. Ma Pak See, 3. Cheung Yan Tin. Class 4B: 1. Chan Chin Keung, 2. Au Lai Shing, 3. Tsai Kang Tow. Class 4C: 1. Ngai Wing Wo, 2. Tso How Chung, 3. Tang Chin Wan. Class 5A: 1. Ho Sai Kong, 2. Lau Chak Hong, 3. Chan Ki Lin. Class 5B: 1. Kwok Man Shing, 2. Wai Ka Chue, 3. Tsau Tsoi yan. Class 5C: 1. Wong Hok Kwong, 2. Li Siu Kow, 3. Chan Kok Man. Class 6A: 1. Wong Tung Fun, 2. Ng Wing Sheung, 3. Leung Hing Lau. Class 6B: 1. Woo How Duen, 2. Yeung Nai Ying, 3. Leung Tze Ming. Class 6C: 1. Cheung Ming Kong, 2. Chung Chee Hung, 3. Loo Ying. Class 7A: 1. Lam Ming Yan, 2. Siu Lin Lau, 3. To Man Chin. Class 7B: 1. Ng Cheuk Ting, 2. Leung Kam Yiu, 3. Wong Yan Hing. Class 8A: 1. Choy Chi Chin, 2. Leung Chung Yek, 3. Wong Pak Chin. Class 8B: 1. Lee Chia Lam, 2. Wong Man Kam, 3. Teui Man Cheung.

Prize List 1935

Class 2A: 1. Yeung Sze Chung, 2. Chan Po Lan, 3. Joseph A. Yuen. Class 2B: 1. Cheng Po Hong, 2. Choy Shing Pang, 3. Lam Po Hon. Class 2C: 1. Cheung Yu Shing, 2. Kee Eng, 3. Lau Ping Sun.

Class 3A: 1. Wong Shin Ngo, 2. Cheung Yan Tin, 3. Ma Pak See. Class 3B: 1. Shiu Leung Hang, 2. Leung Chai-pak, 3. Khutratul Batma. Class 3C: 1. Cheung Hing, 2. Wong Chai-pak, 3. Khutratul Batma.

Class 4A: 1. Cheung Hing, 2. Wong Chai-pak, 3. Khutratul Batma. Class 4B: 1. Chan Chung Tui, 2. Yuen Ping Fai, 3. Hoi Sai Pang. Class 4C: 1. Yang Joe Yee, 2. Chow Pak Hang, 3. Lau Chak Hong.

Class 5A: 1. Choa Wing Ip, 2. Ho Sai Keung, 3. Chung Chun Tin. Class 5B: 1. Luk Fook Hoi, 2. Li Tai Chor, 3. Chan Kok Man. Class 5C: 1. Wong Tung Fun, 2. Ng Wing Sheung, 3. Wong Chin Wa.

Class 6A: 1. Yau Hing Wan, 2. Chan Kwok Chuen, 3. Anthony Fok. Class 6B: 1. Chan Kam Hoi, 2. Lau Wai Kin, 3. Ho Sik Hang. Class 6C: 1. Lam Ming Yan, 2. Siu Lin Lau, 3. Leung Yiu Kai.

Class 7A: 1. Leung Kwong Wah, 2. Chan Man Sun, 3. Lim Han Keung. Class 7B: 1. Cheung Hang, 2. Wong Yuk Man, 3. Mui Wing Kwong. Class 7C: 1. Fung Shu Shit, 2. Tsang How Leung, 3. Wong Chung Kiu.

Class 8A: 1. Lok Ven Sun, 2. Chan Si Yan, 3. Sung Shiu Loo. Class 8B: 1. Yik Tak Hon, 2. Wong Sui Chuen, 3. Cheung Fat Hung. Class 8C: 1. Poon Kwong Lam, 2. An Yeung Kwong Lim, 3. Patrick Yungco.

Class 9C: 1. Lau Shing Cham, 2. Ho Kwok Ming, 3. Oei Hong Pin.

Scholarship Winners 1935.

Class 2: Wong Chung Ngai. Class 3: Yeung Sze Chung. Class 4: Wong Shin Ngo. Class 5: Kwok Man Shing. Class 6: Wong Tung Fun. Class 7: Lam Ming Yan. Class 8: Choy Chi Chin.

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Special Awards

Religious Knowledge: Gold Medal, Yeung Sze Chung.

English Debate: Gold Medal, Wong Chung Ngai; Silver Medal, Yeung Sze Chung.

Mandarin Debate: Gold Medal, Au Sik Ling; Silver Medal, Yu Shou Shan.

Improvement in English Debate: 1. John Wong; 2. Paul Tui.

Improvement in Mandarin Debate: 1. Chan Chi Kiu; 2. Wong Chung Ngai.

Orison Essay Prizes—Classes 1 and 2. Wong Wan Fong; 3, 4, 5. Chao Wing Ip; 6, 7, 8. Leung Tung Yek.

Sport Awards

Swimming Prizes

Swimming team: Silver Cops to Lionel Lowe, Yuen Tze Kok, Wong Hok Kwong, Tsang In Hing, Lui Kwan Lau, Lee Ping Wah, Yau Tung Lam.

200 Yards Free Style: Lionel Lowe. 100 Yards Free Style: Lionel Lowe. 50 Yards Free Style: Lionel Lowe.

200 Yards Breast Stroke: Tsang In Hing. 100 Yards Breast Stroke: Tsang In Hing. 50 Yards Breast Stroke: Yuen Tze Kok.

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FLYING TRICYCLE IS TESTED OUT

DREAM OF AGES STILL NOT ACCOMPLISHED

AGE-OLD PROBLEMS CONFRONT MODERN INVESTIGATORS

Paris.

THE efforts of a French inventor to flap his 36-foot span flying tricycle into the air are attracting some attention in France.

So far these efforts have not met with any considerable measure of success. M. Dubois, the inventor, is still experimenting and has not yet left the ground for any length of time.

But this new attempt to fly with wings is indicative of a growing attitude in Europe with regard to flight.

Now that huge speeds are possible in expensive air liners, inventors are turning their attention to manpower planes, to see if, with the aid of modern research, men can fly with wings or at least by their own power.

Nearing Prize Mark. In Germany the Frankfurt Polytechnic Society has offered a prize of 5,000 marks to the first aviator to keep a man-power plane of any sort in the air for a flight of 550 yards.

German aviators are nearing this mark already. Early in September a flight using only his own power was made at Frankfurt by Herr Dauna-bell. This inventor, in a machine driven by an aircrew which takes its power from pedals, flew distances of 213 and 257 yards at a height of three feet from the ground. The same aviator then flew for 250 yards at a height of 15 feet.

This man-bird's difficulty at present lies in the fact that as soon as he makes a turn the machine drops. He is catapulted off the ground by an arrangement of rubber bands which he works himself. To qualify for the prize he has to fly, without touching the ground, round two points 500 meters apart.

An Ambitious Programme. Other unauthenticated flights have been claimed for many hundreds of years. John Wilkins, noted British natural scientist, discussed in 1640 the ambitious programme of flying to the moon.

In his writings he declares it to be told that a certain English monk named Elmerus, about the Confessor's time, flew from a town in Spain for a distance of more than a furlong.

Wilkins also relates tales of flights with wings from St. Mark's, Venice and at Nuremberg.

At the same time there was a story of an Italian, Giovanni Battista Dante, of Perugia, who had, it was said, flown several times across Lake Trasimene.

Soon Came To Earth. At the beginning of the sixteenth century an Italian alchemist informed James IV of Scotland, in whose domain he was staying, that he would undertake to fly from Stirling Castle to France.

The intrepid gentleman was no vain boaster. He attempted the feat but soon came to earth. He attributed his failure to the fact that he had stupidly used some chicken's feathers in his wings, which were "attracted" by the earth, and that if he could have used the feathers of golden eagles his success would have been assured, as eagle's feathers had an affinity with the air.

Leonardo da Vinci invented several wings to be fitted to arms and legs to make flight possible. He wrote treatises on the subject.

While flying about 1,500ft above Tunbridge Wells early one morning last month, Flying-Officer Duggan saw a brilliant light flash across the sky. He believed it to be a meteor.

"Something burst beneath the plane," he said, "and there was a vivid flash. At first I thought that it was a rocket, but the light was far too brilliant."

An official of the Meteorological Office at Croydon said: "It is possible that it was a meteor. Several were reported on that night in different parts of the southern counties. They are common during showers at this time of the year."

Mr. Broadbent, set up the record for an England-Australia solo flight, achieved another record, the day after, by crossing Australia from Darwin to Sydney in 18 hours.

This was the first time a machine of the size flown by him had crossed the continent inside a single day.

Mr. Broadbent reached Port Darwin from Croydon, having flown the distance in 6 days 21

hr. 19min. The previous record, set up by Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith, was 7 days 4hr. 47min.

A steady rain was falling when Mr. Broadbent landed at Port Darwin. He said that the worst section of his flight was from Rangoon to Singapore. The weather on this lap was terrible, with gales, rain and heavy clouds.

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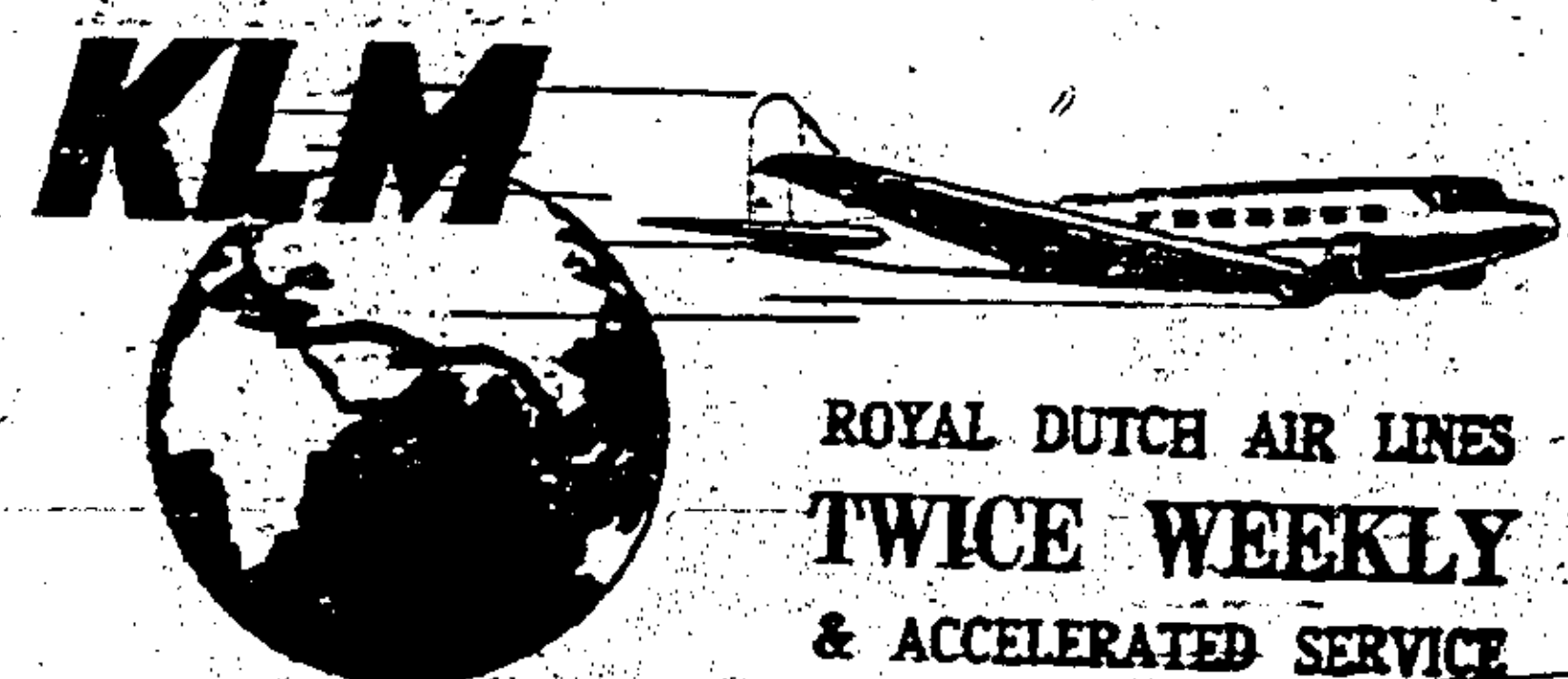
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SHARE MARKET

Messrs. Harriman's
Weekly Report

Messrs. G. A. Harriman and
 Co.'s weekly share report and
 market review issued at noon to-
 day states:—
 The market again displayed a
 very healthy tone throughout the
 week and although not quite so
 active as its predecessor due to
 the approach of the Christmas and
 New Year holidays prices were
 very well maintained and in many
 instances improved owing to the
 continued demand for most of the
 principal stocks. There was a
 little liquidation for the settle-
 ment at the beginning of the week
 which was very readily absorbed
 and 'bargain hunters' had to go
 without their share of the 'spoils'
 as in spite of any liquidation
 there was the market remained
 very buoyant throughout. With
 the exception of Telephones (old)
 which receded to 24 1/2%, invest-
 ment counters continued in de-
 mand. Hong Kong Lands were
 done at 34 3/4% and Hong Kong
 Tramways at 14 1/2/25. Star Ferries
 were placed at \$88 and had fur-
 ther enquiries over this rate, and
 Dairy Farms were done and wan-
 ted at \$19. Hong Kong Electric
 changed hands at the beginning
 of the week at \$67, but with a
 very persistent demand climbed
 again to \$69 at which rate some
 fairly large parcels changed
 hands. Wharves came in for more
 attention and after sales at \$92
 were required for at \$94 cash and
 \$94 1/2 January. Minor issues
 were rather quiet, but Providents
 (old) met good enquiries with
 sales effected at \$123/35, closing
 in unsatisfied demand at \$140.
 Hotels were dealt in at \$5 and
 more shares were wanted at this
 figure. China Lights fluctuated
 in narrow limits between \$10.70
 and \$10.80. Cements had en-
 quiries at \$5.90. Sterling counters
 showed very little change. Hong
 Kong Banks having been done at
 \$1450/70 and Unions at \$555/70.
 The tone of the market at the
 close is very firm for this period
 of the year which augurs well

for the future.
 Business during the week has
 been done at the following prices:
 H.K. Banks \$1450/1470.
 Union Insurances \$555/570.
 H.K. Lands \$34 3/4%
 H.K. Trams \$14 1/2/25.
 China Lights \$10.70/11.05.
 H.K. Electric \$67/69.
 Telephones (old) 24 1/2%
 Dairy Farms \$19.
 Wharves (old) \$92.
 H.K. Hotels \$5.
 Cements \$6.
 Antamoks \$115/120 ex div.
 Providents (old) \$125/135.
 Canton Ices \$1.60 cum div.
 China Underwriters \$1.
 Canton Insurances \$230.
 Star Ferries \$88.
 Shanghai Cottons \$34 1/2%
 Construction (new) 30 cts.
 H. K. Stock Exchange Weekly
 Report issued at 3.15 p.m. yester-
 day.

The market was of a rather
 fluctuating nature during the
 week having been rather dull in
 the early part, but firming up sub-
 sequently, with a fair amount of
 business put through, and in some
 cases at slightly higher rates.

BUSINESS DONE DURING
THE WEEK

Hong Kong Banks \$1450, \$1470.
 \$1460, \$1450, \$1462 1/2.
 Union Insurances \$555, \$560.
 \$565, \$562 1/2, \$570, \$567 1/2.
 H.K. Fire Insurances \$260.
 Wharves (Old) \$92.
 Providents (Old) \$145, \$146.
 Hotels \$34, \$34 1/2.
 Lands \$34, \$34 1/2.
 H. K. Realities \$5.
 Tramways \$14 1/2, \$14 1/2, \$14 1/2,
 \$14 1/2.
 Star Ferries \$88.
 China Lights \$11.15, \$10.70.
 Electric \$70, \$69, \$67, \$69.
 Telephones (Old) 24 1/2%
 Cements \$6.15, \$6.
 Dairy Farms \$19.
 Construction (New) 30 cts.
 Antamoks \$135.
 Benquet Consolidated \$15 1/2.
 Shanghai Cottons (New) \$34.
 Govt. 4% Loan 4 1/2% Prem.
 5 1/2% Prem.
 CHANGES (3.15 p.m.)
 CLOSING QUOTATIONS
 BUYERS

Hong Kong Banks \$1450.
 Wharves (Old) \$92 1/2.
 Cements \$5.90.
 SELLERS
 Providents (Old) \$140.
 SALES
 Hong Kong Banks \$1462 1/2.
 Union Insurances \$567 1/2.
 Star Ferries \$88.
 Electric \$69.
 Telephones (Old) 24 1/2%.

H.K. SHAREBROKERS'
ASSOCIATION

Stock Report
 The following report was issued
 by the Hong Kong Sharebrokers'
 Association yesterday afternoon.

Banks 1450 b.
 Antamoks \$115 XD 5.
 Bagnio Gold 15 1/2 cts. b.
 Beng Explorations 9 cts. b.
 Big Wedge 10 cts. b.
 Gold Rivers 6 1/2 cts. b.
 Salacots 14 1/2 cts. b.
 Lands \$34 1/2 b.
 Wharves \$93 1/2 b.
 Yammart Ferries 16 1/2 b.
 Lights \$10.80 b.
 Telephones Old \$24.15 b.
 Canton Ices \$1.60 CD b.
 Cements \$5.25 b.
 Construction Old \$1.10 sa.
 Construction New 30 cts. b.
 Providents Old \$1.35 b.
 \$1.23/1.35 sa.
 Gold \$ Bonds 91% b.

NEW YORK STOCK
MARKET

Stimulating News
 Lacking
 MODERATE PURCHASES
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Messrs. White, Weld and Com-
 pany, New York Correspondents
 for Messrs. S. E. Levy and Com-
 pany, report:—
 Stock:—The market was steady
 with prices slightly higher. There
 is likely to be a rising price trend
 before the end of year and we
 would favour moderate pur-
 chases. Business done:—1,410,
 000 shares.
 Wheat:—We would continue to
 favour purchases at the present
 level on the strength of the action
 of the Canadian Wheat Board in
 limiting its offerings. Total
 Sales:—14,987,000 bushels.
 Cotton:—The market is still un-
 settled pending the decisions of
 the Supreme Court with regard
 to the A.A.A. and the Bankhead
 Act. The steadiness of the
 market to-day was due to the ten-
 sion in Europe. We would re-
 commend purchases on setbacks.
 Flash:—The American Railway
 Association estimates carloadings
 at 615,000 cars, an increase of
 35,000 cars from the corresponding
 period of last year.

NEW YORK STOCK
EXCHANGE

Latest Quotations
 December 21
 The following quotations were re-
 ceived by Reuters:

N.Y./London 4.95 — —
 N.Y. Cotton 11.00 11.05 11.06
 May 11.00 11.05 11.06
 N.Y. Rubber 13.45 13.39 13.39
 March 13.45 13.39 13.39
 Chicago Wheat 99 1/2 98 1/2
 May 99 1/2 98 1/2 98 1/2
 Chicago Corn 59 1/2 59 1/2 59 1/2
 May 59 1/2 59 1/2 59 1/2
 STOCKS:
 Anaconda 26 1/2 26 1/2 26 1/2
 Elec. Bond & 14 1/2 14 1/2 14 1/2
 S. Ry. 14 1/2 14 1/2 14 1/2
 General Motors 54 1/2 54 1/2 54 1/2
 Int. Tel. & Tel. 13 1/2 13 1/2 13 1/2
 Montgomery 38 1/2 38 1/2 38 1/2
 N.Y. Central 26 1/2 26 1/2 26 1/2
 U.S. Steel 44 1/2 44 1/2 44 1/2

The following quotations from Lon-
 don were received last night between
 5.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m.
 Silver Spot: 22 1/16 (last close).
 21 1/2 (last recd.), 7/16 down (change).
 Silver Forward unquoted.
 Silver Reports:—America took 8 per-
 cent. of offerings.
 Liverpool Cotton:—January 6.19
 (last close), 6.20 (last recd.), .01 up
 (change).
 London Wheat:—December 6/6 1/2
 (last close), 6/5 1/2 (last recd.), 1/2
 down (change).
 London Rubber:—April-June (buy-
 ers) 6 9/16 (last close), 6/8 1/2 (last
 recd.), unchanged.
 London Rubber at noon (buyers)
 6 9/16 (last recd.).
 A forecast from London on the
 probable trend of the New York
 markets, states:—
 An apathetic trend is expected on
 Wall Street to-day.
 Rubber prices will probably be
 lower.
 The Wheat market is anticipated
 to be steady.
 Cotton prices may remain un-
 changed. Very narrow "Spot" sales
 of textiles have deadened the pend-
 ing processing tax decision. The Spot
 basis is easy. It is estimated that
 the Brazilian crop will be reduced.

(Continued from Next Column.)
 Chicago Corn:—
 December 57 1/2 58 1/2
 May 59 1/2 59 1/2 59 1/2
 July 61 61 61
 Winnipeg Wheat:—
 December 86 1/2 85 1/2
 May 89 1/2 89 1/2 89 1/2
 July 89 1/2 89 1/2 89 1/2
 New York Silk:—
 December 1.89 1/2 1.89 1/2
 March 1.85 1.87 1/2
 May 1.85 1.85 1/2
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COMMODITY PRICES

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 Prev. Yesterday
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New York Cotton:—
 December 11.46 11.58
 January 11.42 11.49
 March 11.15 11.22
 May 11.00 11.06
 July 10.86 10.92
 October 10.56 10.65
 Spot 11.80 11.90

New York Rubber:—
 December 13.21 13.16
 January 13.27 13.22 1/2
 March 13.45 13.42 1/2
 May 13.60 13.58
 July 13.74 13.71

Chicago Wheat:—
 December 101 1/2 102 1/2
 May 99 1/2 99
 July 90 1/2 90 1/2
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 column.)

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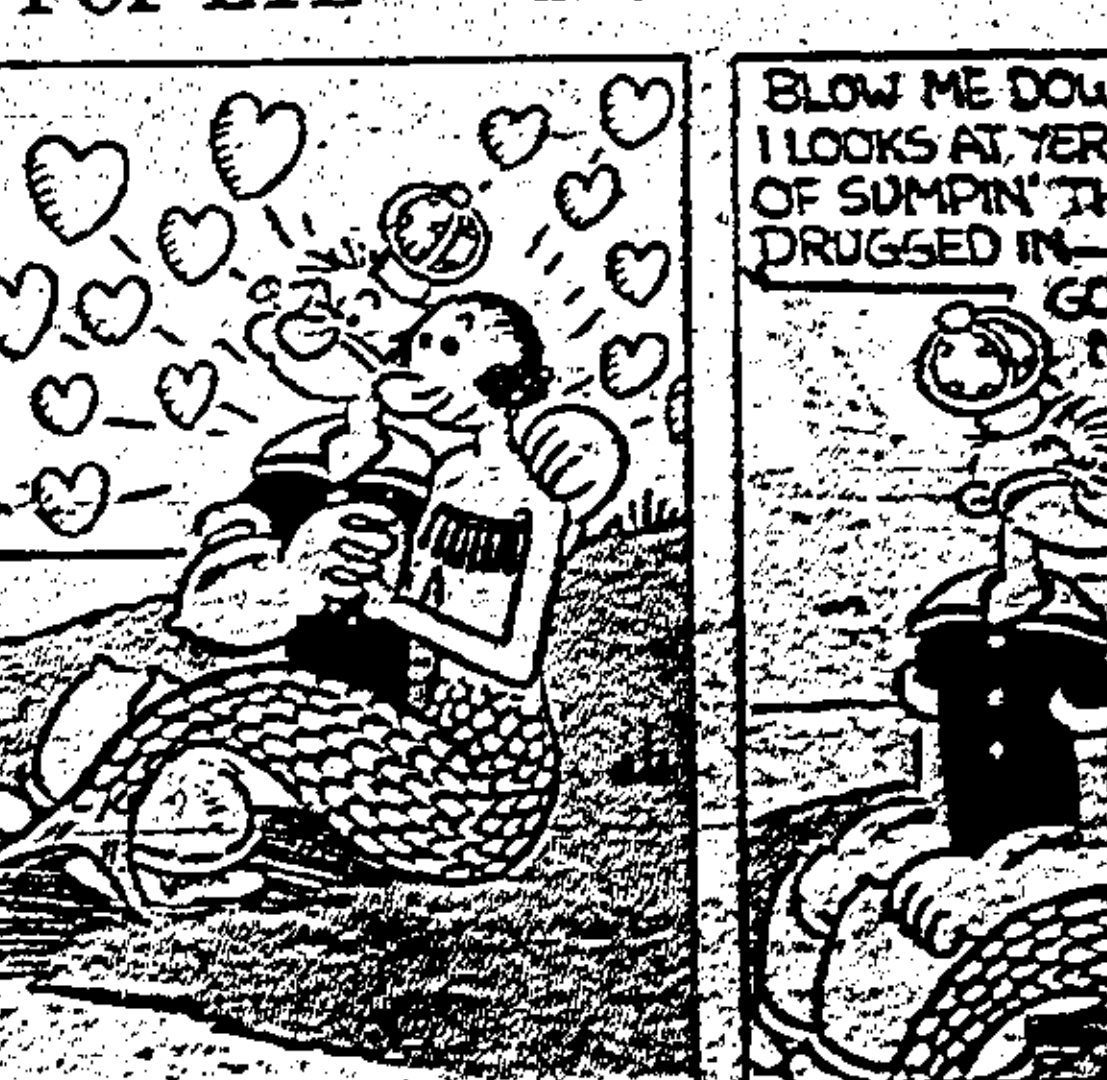
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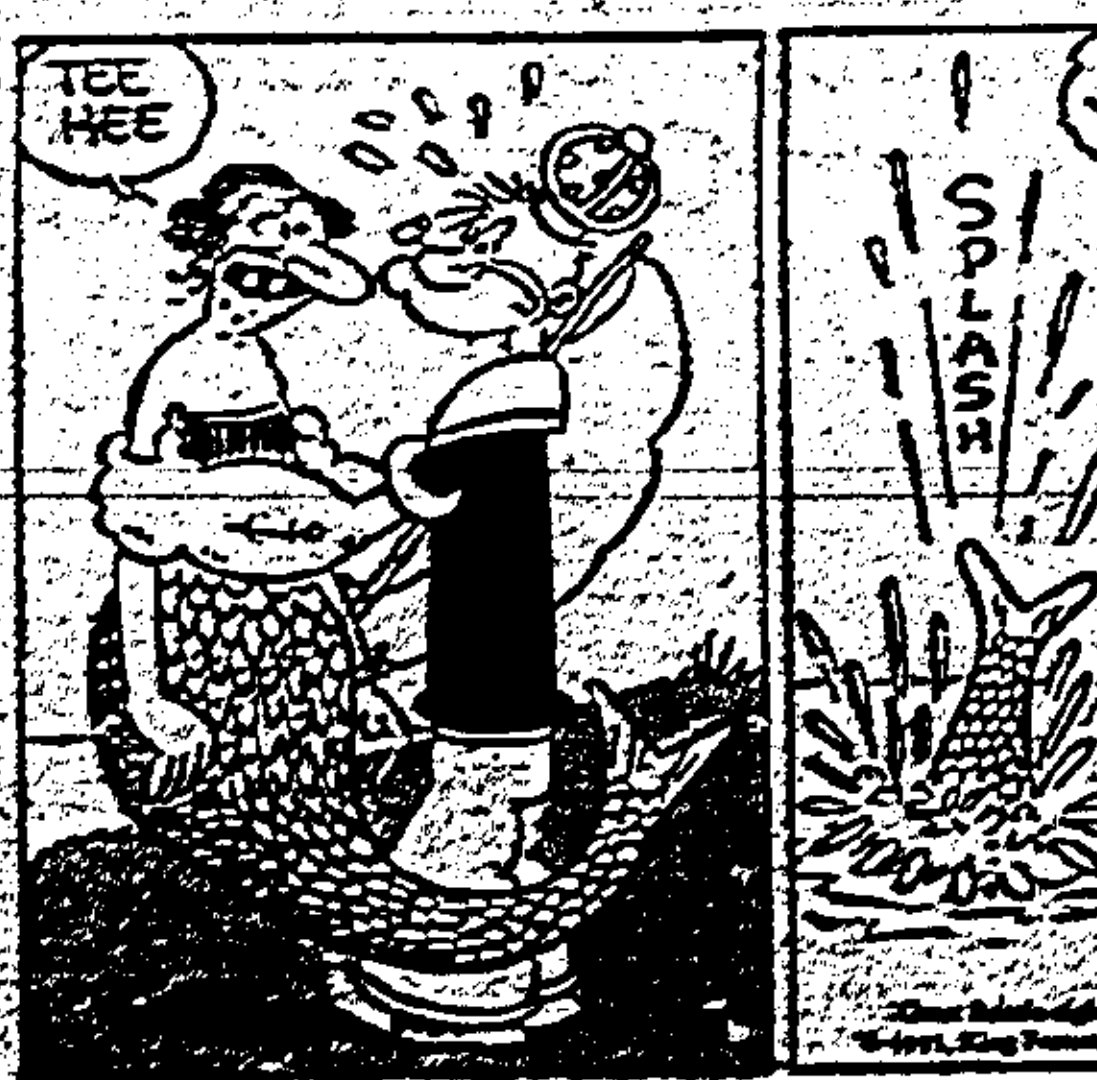
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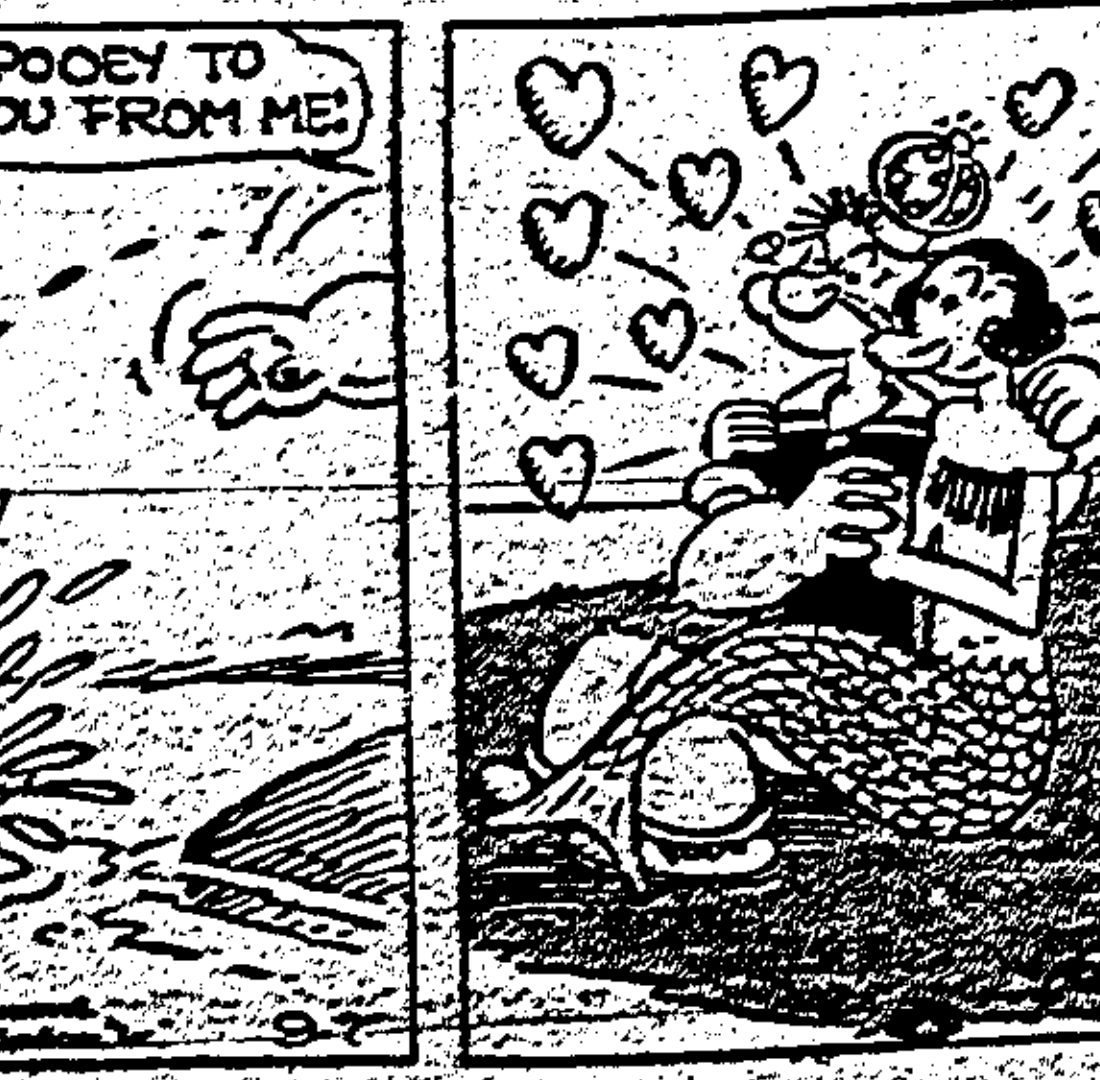
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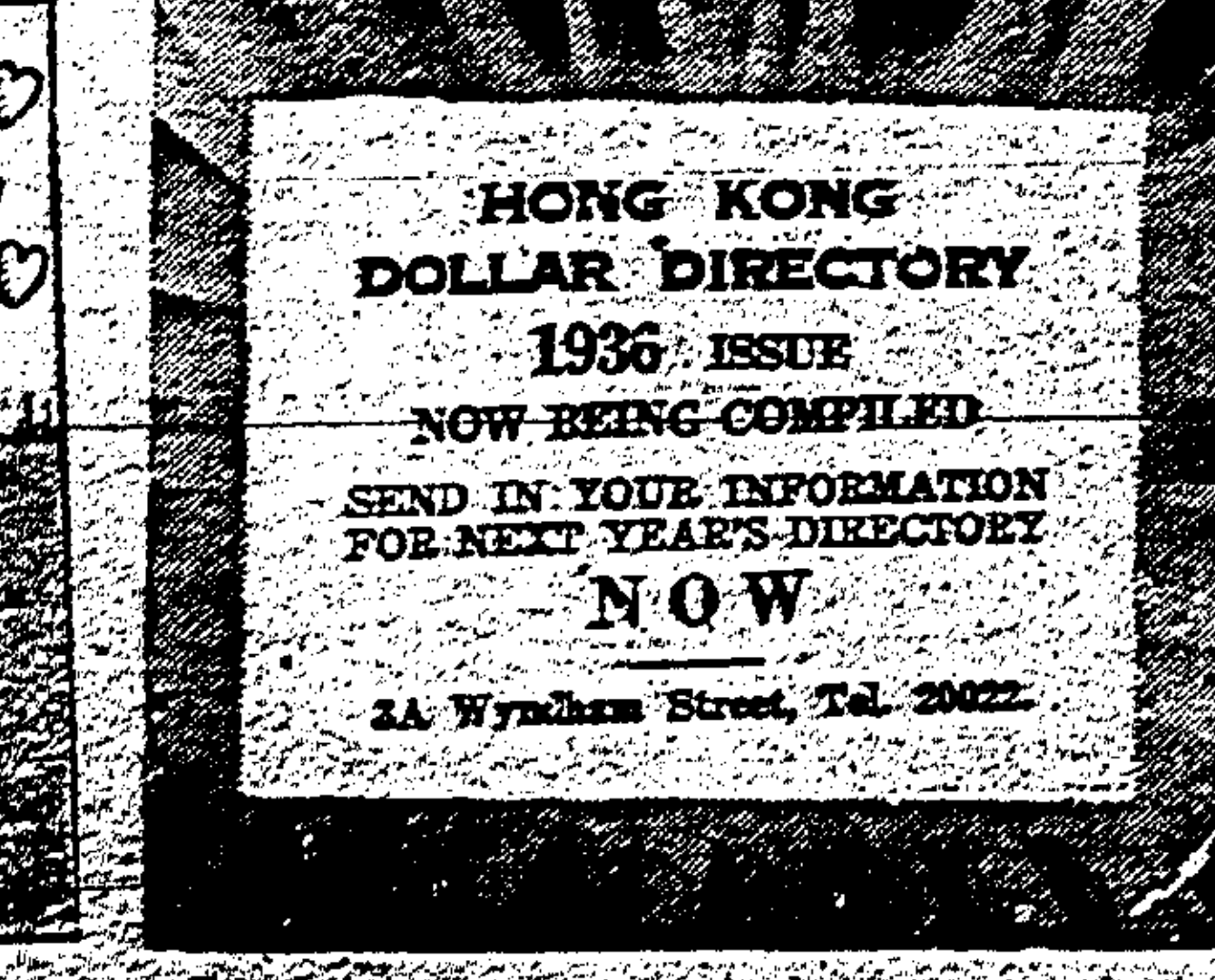
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THE extraordinarily fine record of the Wah Yan College, both in the fields of education and athletics, was referred to in the report of the Prefect of Studies at the prize-giving at the Queen's Theatre this morning, when the ceremony was performed before a large and enthusiastic gathering of students, their parents and friends. Mr. G. R. Sayer, Director of Education, was present at the function and distributed the prizes won during the year.

The determination of those responsible for the running of the College to confine their student lists only to boys of proved character and ability was stressed in the report, a factor which has no doubt a great deal to do with its fine record of accomplishments during the past year.

In the course of his report the Prefect of Studies, Rev. Fr. Donnelly, S.J., said:

It is an honour, but also somewhat of an ordeal, to present to you this morning my Report as Prefect of Studies of Wah Yan. I shall endeavour to be brief, not merely because a detailed catalogue of school changes, triumphs and successes makes monotonous hearing for those not intimately connected with the school, but also because this Report, covering a period of almost two years, must necessarily be a rather full one.

Our last Prize Day was held on April 28, 1934, in the College Hall—a very successful reunion, which was graced by the presence of the Apostolic Delegate to China, Mgr. Zarin, then on his way through Hong Kong to the north. Since that date, only one series of public Matriculation and School Leaving Examinations was held in the Colony; there were no Matriculation examinations from November, 1933, until June, 1935. The end of the scholastic year has thus been changed from December to July, a change which all serious educationalists will welcome as being entirely for the benefit of the education (though, perhaps, not for the examination) of secondary school pupils.

Increase in Numbers
The College now counts an enrolment of 846, a considerable increase on our numbers of two years ago (710), but slightly less than last year, owing to the fact that one class (1C) has been dropped entirely. This has been done quite deliberately; for we feel strongly that a school of the standing of Wah Yan is ill-served by accepting or retaining any but good boys and serious students. It would have been easy this year to have increased our numbers to almost 1,000, had we so desired; for about 450 new pupils applied for admission last September, and 299 sat for our entrance examination. We deem it far better, however, to have a smaller number of well-prepared and well-disciplined boys than more boys with less learning and less discipline.

This is Wah Yan's definite policy, and we are more likely to liberally reduce our numbers in future years than to increase them further. We wish to turn away no student of suitable character and adequate previous training; but we shall continue to reject all undesirable boys, and refuse all requests to enter a class higher than a boy's previous record warrants. Only in this way can we do full justice to our boys and to their parents.

As it is, every class in the school (there are 22 in all) is full. The average attendance for the past term has been amazingly good, 97 per cent. Indeed, if one except a few boys absent for long periods through serious illnesses, the attendance has been almost cent per cent. In this connection, I wish to single out for special praise the class 5B, whose average attendance for the term was 99.4 per cent., a wonderful record; and more than one other class was little behind it.

Public Examinations
In the public examinations held last June, Wah Yan did well without doing brilliantly. Seventeen boys passed, and 14 others failed in one subject only, namely Physics. The examination in this subject was held at the end of a long day's strenuous work; it was the fourth examination of the day, and almost all our boys had already sat for six hours of examination on that day, before the Physics examination arrived. As a result, numbers of our best students, including the most

brilliant boy in the school, failed, through over-strain rather than want of knowledge. But for the Physics, our results would have rivalled the best in the Colony. We are glad to learn unofficially that the University authorities have agreed that in future not more than three examinations will be held on the same day.

On the other hand, our results were particularly encouraging in view of our successes in English and Chinese. Wah Yan students got the highest number of distinctions in English got by any school in the Colony, and more than Wah Yan ever got in any previous year. This is due, beyond question, to the colloquial classes and to the Debating Societies in English and Mandarin; and we are happy to record in this connection that a new and most promising activity has been started recently, Inter-House Debates.

Two Innovations

Amongst the many details of school organisation, two little innovations may, perhaps, be of interest to parents. This year, for the first time, we have introduced a study-period into our long school day. We feel that the greatest need of many of our boys is to learn to study. They are, for the most part, very willing and industrious; but they are often unoriginal and loath to think for themselves; they drift easily into doing neat, monotonous work, and considering mechanical perfection the essence of learning. We find that many of them profit enormously by this daily hour of study under the direction of the masters; the form-masters have thus opportunities of personal contact, of constant stimulus and direction, which are proving of great value.

The second innovation is the arranging of a common hour for Dictation right through the school on Saturday mornings. This enables masters to change from class to class, so that every week the boys have a different master for Dictation. As a result, they become accustomed to many different voices. We hope that this little change will tend to improve our Dictation results in the public examinations; in the past, many of our best students have entirely failed to do themselves justice in this subject, merely because the pronunciation and accent of the dictator was strange to them.

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Emperor Pu-Yi

SIR REGINALD JOHNSTON

A distinguished visitor to the Colony, who arrived here yesterday morning by the R.M.S. Empress of Japan, is Sir Reginald Johnston, K.C.M.G., C.B.E., who is regarded as one of the world's greatest authorities on the Chinese language and culture.

Sir Reginald, who is residing at the Peninsula Hotel during his short stay in the Colony, is probably best known to students of oriental affairs for his long association with the ex-Emperor of China, and present Emperor of Manchukuo, to whom he acted as tutor from 1919 until 1925.

When interviewed in his room in the Peninsula Hotel yesterday morning, Sir Reginald stated in opening the conversation that he had no wish to discuss political affairs. He had never been interested in politics, either in China or elsewhere, and he had not been in China for such a long time (his last visit was made in 1931) that he knew no more of political issues than he read in the newspapers. He had been on a visit to the former pupil, and was taking the opportunity to renew old acquaintances.

Journalistic Error
Sir Reginald deprecated the continual use, in newspapers and periodicals, of the name Henry Pu Yi, when a reference was made to the young Emperor. The Emperor's name was Pu Yi simply, and he could not understand how the European name had been added.

Another thing which Sir Reginald could not understand was the calling of Manchuria Manchukuo. "Kuo," he said, stood simply for "country," and it was as silly to say England country or Japan country as it was to say Manchukuo. He invariably said Manchuria, which was nothing more or less than the English translation of Manchou, the country of the Manchus.

Sir Reginald has many interesting reminiscences of Hong Kong as it was in 1898, when he was attached to the Hong Kong Civil Service. Before leaving the Colony he rose to be Assistant Colonial Secretary, a position he held for five years.

Matched Blown Away
He recalls one occasion when he was stationed in the New Territories his office and house consisted solely of a decrepit matchbox, which eventually suffered the fate of all similar dwellings, being blown away in its entirety in a typhoon. When this occurred Sir Reginald and his staff had to take up residence in the old Government launch Stanley, until such time as a new office was constructed.

Sir Reginald is a personal friend of the present Colonial Secretary, Sir Thomas Southern, as they were colleagues in the old days.

On leaving the Colony Sir Reginald became Commissioner at Wei-hai-wei and occupied that position when the port was handed over to China in October, 1930.

Sir Reginald is now Professor of Chinese at the University of London, and is at present enjoying a well-earned holiday. On leaving Hong Kong, he will visit French Indo-China, Malaya, Java and then proceed home via Suez.

A minor amendment to the Factories and Workshops Ordinance No. 27 of 1932 is published in the Government Gazette.

Government Appointments

The following appointments etc. are notified in the Government Gazette:

His Honour Mr. Roger Edward Lindsay, to act as Chief Justice, during the absence on leave of His Honour Sir Alasdair Duncan Alholl MacGregor, Kt., or until further notice, with effect from December 24.

Mr. William James Lockhart Smith, to act as Official Receiver in Bankruptcy and Registrar of Trade Marks and Patents, with effect from December 14, until further notice.

Mr. Douglas James Valentine, M.C., M.B., B.S. (Lond.), D.P.H., D.T.M. and H., to act as Deputy

H.K. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Lieut.-Colonel H. S. L. Dowbiggin, O.B.E. Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Hong Kong, Friday, 20th December, 1935.

GENERAL

GENERAL HOLIDAY
Corps Headquarters will be closed for the Christmas Holidays on Wednesday, 25th and Thursday, 26th instant.

CORPS ORDERS

As Corps Headquarters will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, 25th and 26th instant, O.C. Units are represented to forward on Tuesday, 24th instant or not later than 10 a.m. on Friday, 27th, orders for insertion on 27th instant.

SEEING THE WORLD BY BICYCLE

Parsi Scout's Plucky
Adventure

A FOUR YEARS' ITINERARY

An interesting arrival in the Colony yesterday morning by the s.s. Kamo Maru from Brisbane is a young Rover Scout, Manek K. Vajifdar, of Bombay, who is making a tour of the world by push-bicycle.

Mr. Vajifdar, who is a Parsi, is a B.A. of Bombay University and is now 21 years of age. For 14 years a Scout and a member of the 51st Bombay Troop, he made up his mind early last year to make a general tour of the world, getting into touch with the Scouts of the countries visited; but above all he desired to be present at the World Scouts' Jamboree at the Melbourne Centenary celebrations, which naturally affected his itinerary.

India And Australia

Leaving Bombay on May 20 last year he covered some 3,000 miles in India alone, his way lying through Nagpur, Calcutta and Madras and thence to Colombo, where he took ship to Melbourne, in time for the Centenary celebrations.

His stay in Melbourne was prolonged much beyond the limit of his original intention, he having the misfortune to be bitten in the foot by a venomous trap-door spider, which necessitated a stay of five months in hospital. On his recovery he visited Canberra, the Federal capital, going thence to Sydney and Brisbane and, while in Queensland, visiting several places in the interior. Altogether he covered some 3,000 miles in Australia on his bicycle before leaving for Hong Kong on December 2.

Future Plans

Mr. Vajifdar's intention is to cycle through as much of China as the existence of roads or reasonable tracks and the state of the country will allow; after which he intends to go on through Japan and America to Europe. He expects to be back in India in about three-and-a-half to four years from his time of starting.

He has been giving broadcast talks and addressing Rotary Clubs at the various cities he has visited, his subjects being mainly the different aspects of life in India. He intends to stay a few weeks in Hong Kong and will doubtless give a number of talks while here.

Mr. Vajifdar is riding a B.S.A. bicycle, which has carried him and his impedimenta over 6,000 miles of roads and jungle tracks without hitch or failure.

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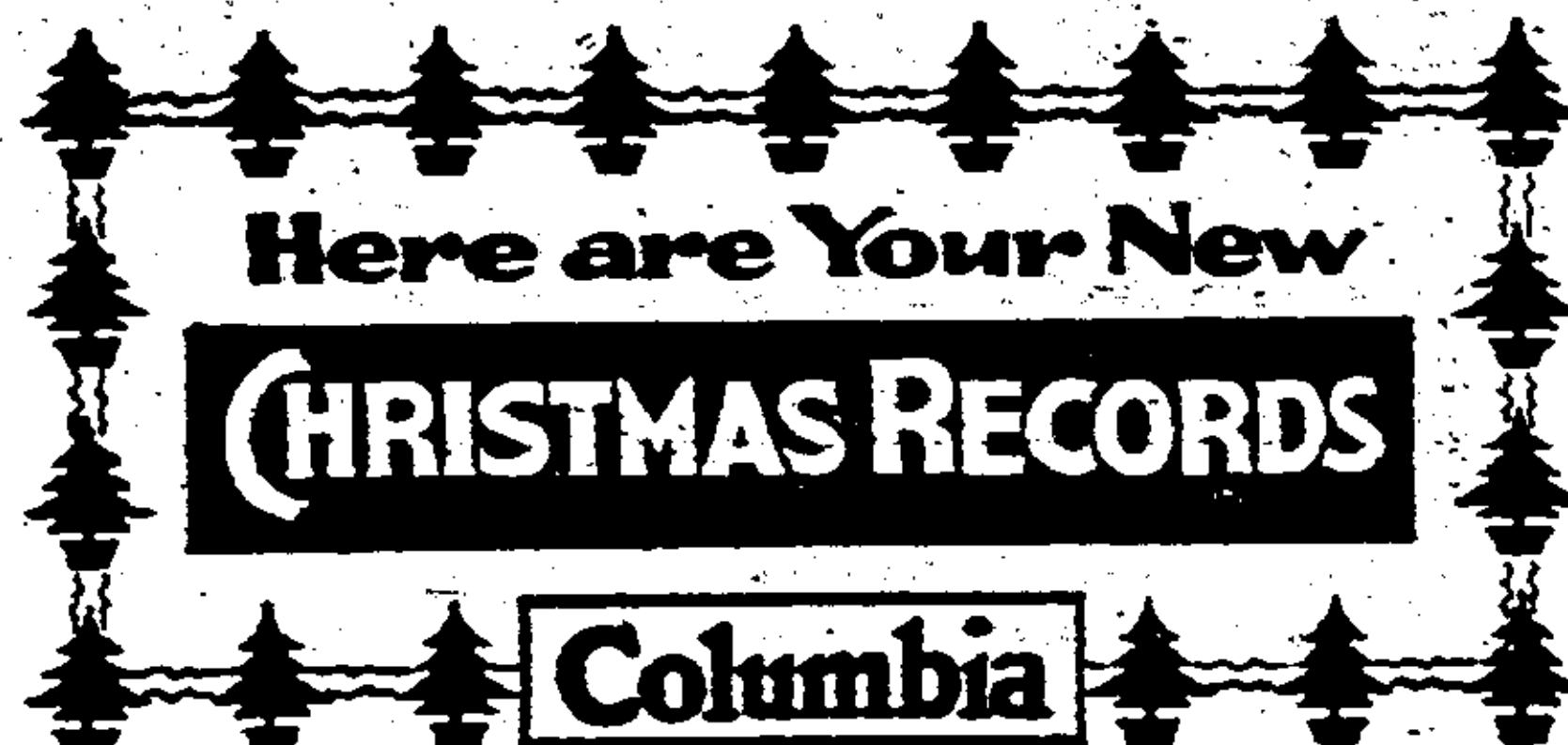
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The Golden Text will be: "Every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God" (Hebrews 3:4).

Among others, the following citations from the Bible will be

read: "Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light." (Psalms 36: 5, 7, 8).

The Lesson Sermon will also include the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy:

Universe Of Spirit
"The universe of Spirit reflects the creative power of the divine Principle, or Life, which reproduces the multitudinous forms of Mind and governs the multiplication of the compound idea, man. The tree and herb do not yield fruit because of any propagating power of their own, but because they reflect the Mind, which includes all. A material world implies a mortal mind and man a creator. The scientific divine creation declares immortal Mind and the universe created by God. "Even eternity can never reveal the whole of God, since there is no limit to infinitude or to its reflection." (Page 507 and 517).

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By A. E. L.

THE new Mozambique stamp commemorating the Zambesi Bridge was recently issued. The value is 1 escudo; colours blue and black, and the period of sale was one month from August 1. The Philatelic Magazine in announcing the issue states that the bridge, which has been more than four years under construction, has been built to the design of Messrs. Livesey, Sons and Henderson, and Messrs. Rendel, Palmer and Tritton. It was made necessary by the difficulty of maintaining a ferry service owing to the vagaries of the river. Its opening may be regarded as marking the completion of an immense engineering work whose only rival to the distinction of being the longest bridge in the world is the mixture of causeway and bridgework known as the Hell Gate Bridge in New York. The Zambesi bridge has 35 spans, each of 262 1/2 feet.

ACTUALLY it would seem that a Nyasaland has at least as much right to celebrate the bridge as Mozambique, for it arose out of the appointment, in 1926, by the Colonial Office, of a commission to investigate the Nyasaland transport problem. The commission reported very definitely in favour of building the bridge. Discussions

JOHN BULL AND HIS CLEOPATRA

(Continued from Page 6)

In the autumn of 1934, the King's malady, the country's misgovernment and the Italian menace ended the combination of the Palace and the Residency against the Nationalist Party (Wafd). The King's advisers were relegated to Legations, his Cabinet replaced by Nessim Pasha and his Constitution repealed.

Nessim As Dictator
Since then Egypt has been governed dictatorially by Nessim Pasha. The King, after an attempt to combine again with the Wafd against us, has accepted the situation, while the Wafd has split between moderates under Nahas, who support Nessim, and extremists who oppose.

The political position, therefore, though irregular internally and unregulated internationally, is relatively stable. Nessim Pasha has declared that Egypt will follow our policy, and many of the Wafd have decided to support, though they would have preferred to exploit the occasion to obtain a treaty recognising Egyptian independence unconditionally.

What chance, then, is there of Egypt turning against us? There is the King, educated in Italy and himself a deposed dictator. But King Fuad is a sick man, and his son has opportunely come to England for education. There are the native capitalists and foreign colonies. But with the exception of the Italian, the second largest, they are content.

Fishers To Fish
There are the nationalists of the Wafd all ready to fish in troubled waters. But they fully realise that a change from British King Log to Italian King Stork would convert them from the fishers to the fished.

There are the peasants, who ascribe to us the evils they have suffered since we surrendered direct administration and supported corrupt and incompetent native administration. But they, as Coptic-Christian or Moslem or religiousists of the Abyssinians, have declared their solidarity with Italy's enemies.

Therefore, so long as our policy is straightforward and strong, anti-British propaganda will not make any very great impression. But should there be any wavering in any battle of Aetium on the Lake of Geneva Cleopatra might desert her Antony, charm he never so wisely.

And even though all be lovely in the Garden of Eden we must remember that the League means little to Egypt. For Egyptians there is little appeal in Anglo-Saxon attitudes for "collective security" and "non-military sanctions."

between the British and Nyasaland Governments and the railway interests concerned resulted in a decision to devote over £3,000,000 to bridging the Zambesi, and this was part of the £10,000,000 voted under the Palestine and East African Loans Act of 1926. Thus a British project is commemorated on a Portuguese Colonial stamp.

THE Canadian Post Office Depot at Ottawa states that it has observed an increasing tendency for philatelists and post mark collectors to make a direct application to Railway Mail Clerks and Railway Post Offices in Canada for the postmarking of covers, cards, etc. To avoid unnecessary trouble for all concerned the Department advises that it has been inadvisable to permit Railway Mail Clerks to comply with requests of this nature. Philatelists will therefore avoid disappointment by refraining from sending covers or cards for special postmarks, as in such event the covers, etc., will be returned without the request being complied with.

THE Philatelic Magazine gives an item of interest in stating that an historic relic has come into possession of the Southern Rhodesian National Committee. It is a complete set of the plates and dies of Rhodesian stamps issued during the period when the British South Africa Company administered the territory.

These plates were originally presented by the Chartered Company to the Rhodesian Philatelic Society, but the customs and transport charges were such that the Society was unable to accept them, and for some years they lay in the Treasury at Salisbury.

The Government, however, has now agreed to forego the charges, and has made a free gift of the relics to the National Historical Museum Committee. The collection includes not only the plates for printing the ordinary postage stamps, but the dies for surcharging and printing postcards, wrappers and stamped envelopes. All the plates have been defaced with lines.

BRAZIL honoured the 3rd Pan American Red Cross Conference with a special stamp, the 700+100 reis bright blue and red.

Bulgaria has issued a 1L and 5L Special Delivery stamp each in two colours. These stamps show views of two buildings and on the borders of the stamps are pictured electric transmission towers.

The Dominican Republic will commemorate the settlement of the Dominican Frontier dispute with a special series of four stamps to be issued soon.

ON November 22 a new United States 25c airmail stamp was issued in connection with the inauguration of the trans-Pacific Air Mail service. The postage rate for this new service is 25c to Hawaii, 50c to Guam and 75c to the Philippine Islands. The new stamp was on first day sale at San Francisco, Calif., and Washington, D.C., on Friday, November 22, and was on general sale throughout the country the following day.

POST Office Department officials strained their eyes trying to find a reported miniature picture of President Roosevelt in the recently issued Boulder Dam stamp. But neither they nor the Bureau of Engraving and Printing executives were having any trouble verifying the report by Judge Harry B. Canon of Alexandria, Va., that by turning the stamp upside down one could see a picture of the Liberty Bell.

Several stamp collectors, who use magnifying glasses to study their treasures, have reported that in the upper left hand corner of the stamp, which was issued three months ago, a profile of President Roosevelt can be seen. The stamp must be turned side-wise, they say, to see the profile.

FINLAND is considering the issue of a special postage stamp to commemorate the approaching 70th birthday of J. V. Stenroos, the Finnish composer.

The Nazi conference at Nuremberg has resulted in the issue of

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two attractive stamps in Germany. The design shows an eagle with wings outspread, holding a wreath of swastika in its claws, which it is apparently about to drop on the town. There are two values, viz. 6 pf. green and 12 pf. dark red.

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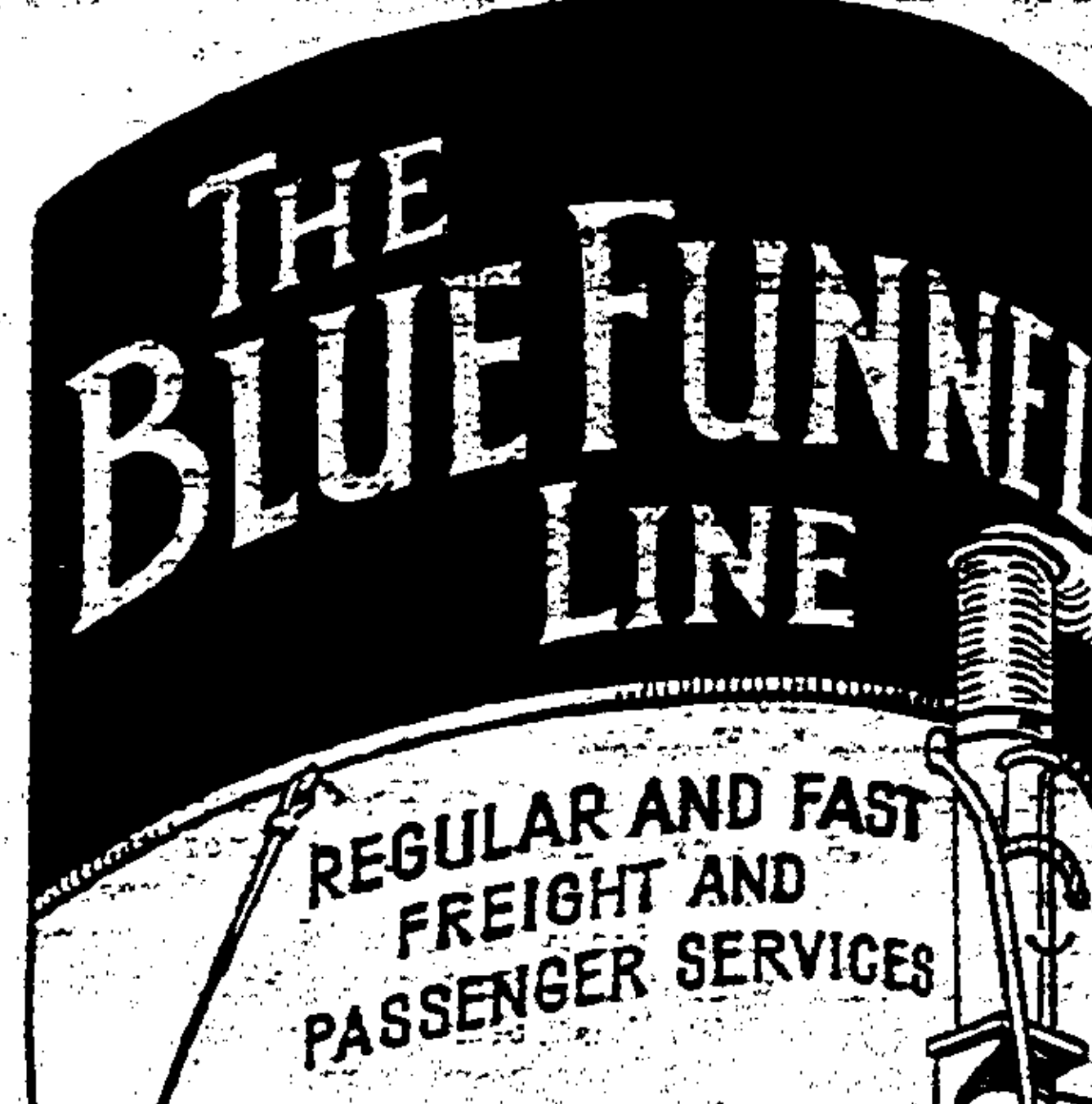
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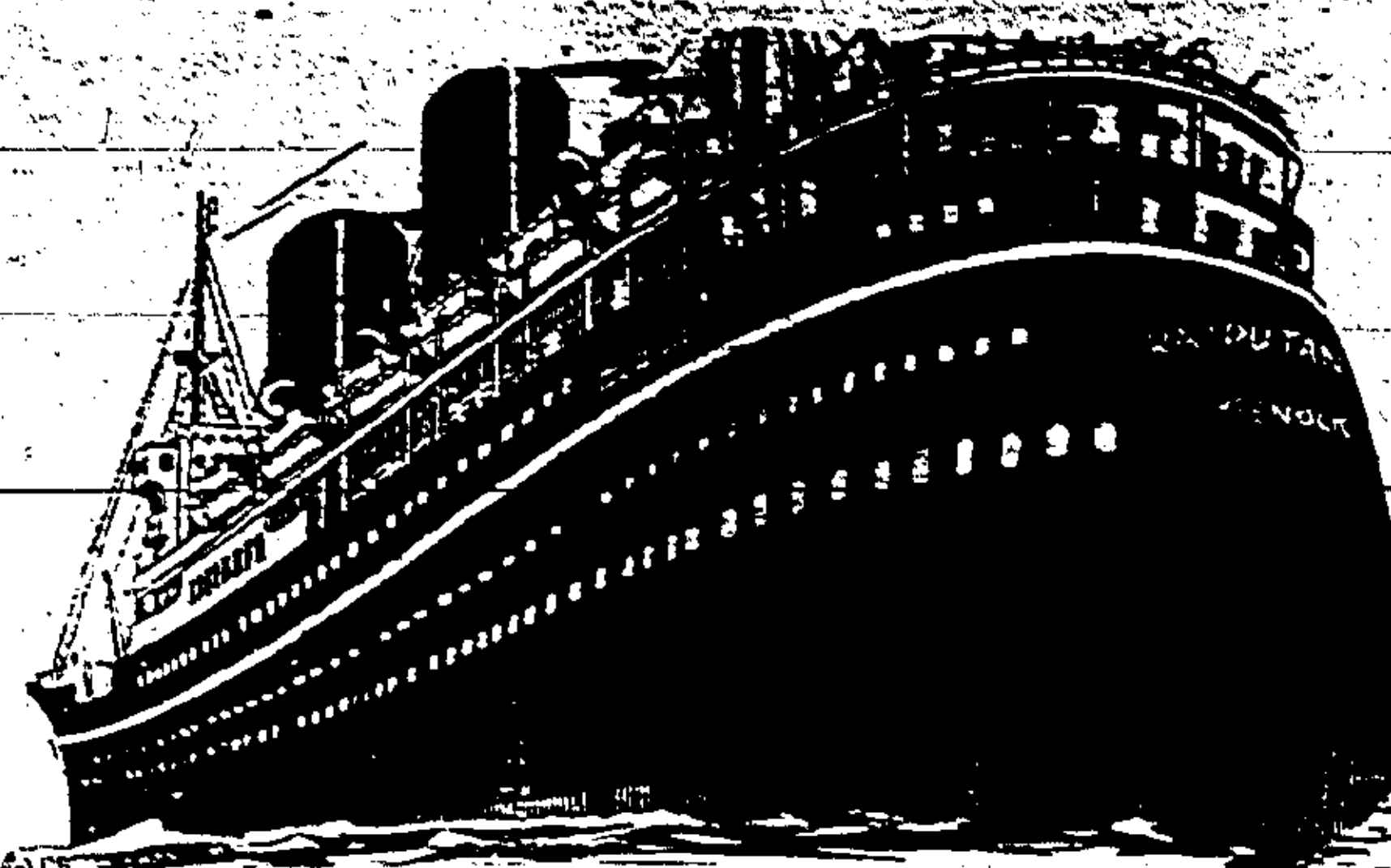
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To-day's Short Story

Anything To Oblige A Gipsy

By Louis Golding

It happened about a year ago and it attracted quite a deal of attention when it happened. It was even a front page news story in one or two of the papers. Yet the public has forgotten all about it. Not that anybody is going to deplore that. The public made that way.

It was a friend of mine it happened to, a fellow named Joe Bruton. He represented a firm of Jewellers in Hatton-garden, and travelled about a good deal, on the Continent chiefly. He chanced to be travelling about in the New Forest when the thing happened, but he wasn't trying to sell jewels to anybody. No. As a matter of fact, he was having a pleasant week-end.

You may possibly recall the affair of the gipsy, though you won't recall it in connection with Joe Bruton. His name never got into the papers. The fact is that everyone who repeated the story—and it got round everywhere—said that whereas it hadn't happened to them personally, they were intimate friends of the people to whom it had happened. Except of course, the name of Sadovalsky. Sadovalsky's name gave point to the whole story.

Well, this is what happened. Bruton was about nine miles from the village of Nether Milton and intended to put up for the night at Swagage. He was bowling along quite nicely in the golden shadow of the beeches, when suddenly an uncouth creature got up from a stump beside a gate and signalled him to stop. It was a gipsy woman, and a very ragged one, at that, with straw in her hair and dried mud in her clothes. She looked very tired and obviously she wanted a lift.

Now Bruton was normally a kind-hearted person and was usually not averse from giving people a lift. But the gipsy was really very shabby and the car was as new and spruce as paint.

So Bruton swerved a bit to the right and went straight on. But he hadn't gone more than a few hundred yards when he felt his foot slackening on the accelerator. He backed and screwed the car head-on to the gipsy again. "Jump in, mother!" he told her. "How far do you want to go?"

"Thank you indeed, kind sir," said the gipsy. Her large brown eyes shone gratefully. "If I might get down this side of Nether Milton. I'm that tired, one foot won't go in front of the next sir!"

So he put her down at a forest-path this side of Nether Milton, and just as she was about to hobble off into the forest, she suddenly felt she would like to do something for her benefactor by way of repaying him for his kindness.

"Yet me see your hand, kind sir," she said, "and I'll tell your fortune. No! no!" she exclaimed, as she saw his hand dive down towards his pocket. "No silver, sir. You've been kind enough to me already."

If you've forgotten the story, perhaps you'll recall it now. You'll remember that the gipsy prophesied that Sadovalsky, the dictator of Cratonis, would be dead within a year from that date. And when Bruton laughed a little, for it seemed rather a long way ahead and it didn't very much matter to him what happened to the dictator of Cratonis, the gipsy suddenly got excited.

She caught hold of Bruton's wrist in a vice-like grip and brought the palm of his hand to within a few inches of her lips. "Oh yes, sir!" she cried. "You may smile or you may not smile! But Sadovalsky will be dead before midnight, a year from to-day, as surely as you'll be carrying a dead body in your car before you get to your journey's end to-night!"

Bruton tore his wrist out of the gipsy's hand as if it were a snake, and it was biting him.

"Oh indeed!" he said uncomfortably. "Thank you very much." He was trying to laugh it off. "Well, I'd best be getting along now!"

He didn't at all relish the idea of having a dead body with him in the car by the time he got to Swagage.

And off he went on his journey again, the wind whistling over the wild heath and leaving it quite probable that the gipsy had passed completely out of his mind by the time he came up to

the scene of the accident. The accident had happened only a few minutes previously, and his was the first car to arrive on the scene. A car had collided with a motor-bicycle. The car stood with its bonnet muzzling against a tree-trunk. The motor-bicycle lay on the roadway, bent round on itself, in a pool of blood and petrol.

A policeman had already appeared on the scene. The occupants of the car and a small gang of yokels were gathered round him. They were lifting the victim of the accident up from the ground. Somebody was unfastening his coat and collar. It looked pretty bad.

Bruton dismounted. "Anything I can do?" he asked.

"Yes, sir. For sure, you can," said the policeman. "Will you please give this poor gentleman a lift in the back of your car? There's a cottage hospital in Maidley, about nine miles from here. I'll get through to them on the telephone and tell them you're coming."

MONDAY'S STORY

Monday's story will be "Over And Done With," by Michael Home.

Bruton duly gave the poor fellow a lift. He had not covered half the journey when he was aware that, fast as he had moved, Death had moved faster. He was carrying a dead body in his car with him, as had so recently been foretold.

"Strange," he muttered. "That's strange, isn't it?"

Then he stopped suddenly. He remembered the other half of the gipsy's prophecy. "It strikes me it's a darn sight worse for that fellow Sadovalsky," he thought.

Well, that was the story that got out just over a year ago. But a year is a long time, and the whole thing was forgotten not only by the public at large, but by Bruton.

Too—as far as the Sadovalsky part was concerned, anyhow. The other part was harder to forget. As for Sadovalsky himself, it is unlikely he heard anything about it at all. His death had been prophesied and attempted so frequently, he wouldn't have been very much upset by the babble of an old gipsy in the New Forest.

The scene of this story now shifts to the small Central European Republic of Cratonis. Joe Bruton, it will be remembered, was a traveller for a jewel-firm in Hatton-garden, and it happens that they sent him to cover the Central European area a couple of weeks ago.

Now Bruton had no commissions to execute in Cratonis. If they have money to spend in Cratonis, they don't spend it on jewels. They spend it in plots to overthrow their dictators, and plots to overthrow the plotters. He had jobs on hand in the countries north and south of Cratonis, but nothing in Cratonis itself. So he took the night-express across Cratonis.

Funds didn't run to a sleeper that night, but he was doing quite well in a second-class carriage with a whole side to himself. The other passenger had a whole side to himself, too. He knew that the train didn't stop till early next morning, so he settled down to make a good night of it.

He put a hired cushion under his head and fastened up his coat securely. He felt tenderly for his revolver, for he had a lot of jewels in the pocket under his waistcoat, and you can't be too careful when you're travelling with a stranger. He might have been asleep for an hour or two or more, he hadn't any idea how long, when suddenly the train stopped. The pull on the brakes jerked him all the way from the balls of his feet to the top of his scalp.

He woke with a start. "Damn!" he cried out.

"Verpunct!" swore the stout gentleman, stretched out on the opposite seat.

"It isn't morning, is it?" asked Bruton.

"Not for three or four hours!" Bruton said.

"Well, this is the Blue Orient. They'll be off again in a minute or two."

But, then, weren't they and still they weren't moving. The air in



Alice Brady, one of the screen's leading comedienne, is prominently featured in "Metropolitan," the 20th Century production, which will be the main attraction at the King's Theatre on Christmas Day.

the carriage was quite thick already. It was getting thicker every minute.

"I think I'll have a breath of air!" muttered Bruton. He got up and put his overcoat on and stepped down on to the platform. He did a turn or two, then found himself near one of the guards.

"Hallo, I thought this was a non-stop!" he growled. "What's happened?"

"Signal's against us!" he was informed. "There's a special train coming up north!"

"How long are we likely to stay here?"

"Can't say. Might be ten minutes, might be twenty!"

"Thank you!" said Bruton. "Have a cigarette?"

He lit one for himself, too. He didn't fancy the idea of going back into the slightly foetid carriage.

He walked up and down, up and down, the length of the train. That went on for about fifteen minutes. Then suddenly, startlingly loud in that clear air, he heard the sound of a pulled signal and the clatter of the disturbed and settling wires.

"Hallo!" he muttered, "the signal's gone red on the other line, too! What on earth's wrong?"

As he spoke, he heard the rumble of the incoming train. The rumble deepened into a roar. The roar was checked by a screeching and grinding of brakes as the special train drew up on the other side of the platform.

"That's torn it!" Bruton grumbled. "That means we're clamped down here till the other train goes! What a nuisance! Anyhow, it's a special train. It won't be held up long!"

But ten slow minutes passed by and the special train was still held up. A handful of people got out, inquired excitedly what the delay was about, and either got back into their carriages or took a stroll up and down the platform.

There was a sleeping-car on this train, too. It had drawn up almost

opposite Bruton's carriage. Bruton was just about to get back to his seat again when he heard the delighted rapping of a dog. A moment later a man with a little dark terrier in his arms appeared at the door of the sleeping-car. He was in pyjamas and dressing-gown.

"How decent of the fellow," said Bruton to himself, "to get up out of his nice warm sleeper to give his little dog a run! He must be a dog-lover!"

The man in pyjamas walked the other way down the platform. Then he turned. The terrier was beside himself with joy. The man stooped and patted it affectionately. "It's a Cairn!" thought Bruton. "Yes, that's what it is! A jolly little fellow!" He had been reading about Cairns that very day, somebody or other who had a favourite Cairn.

Who was it now? The man came closer. There was something familiar about the set of the shoulders, one shoulder higher than the other. The man came still closer, into the orbit of a hanging lamp. He saw the fringe of fair hair over the forehead, the oddly twisted nose.

Then suddenly he remembered the item in the newspaper he had been reading. There had been a picture, too. The man was a dog-lover. His favourite Cairn that went everywhere with him.

The fringe of hair, the nose, the set of the shoulders. The Dictator of Cratonis, Sadovalsky. This was none other than Sadovalsky, a few feet away from him.

He heard a bell ringing down the line. The obstruction was cleared. The signal jangled back

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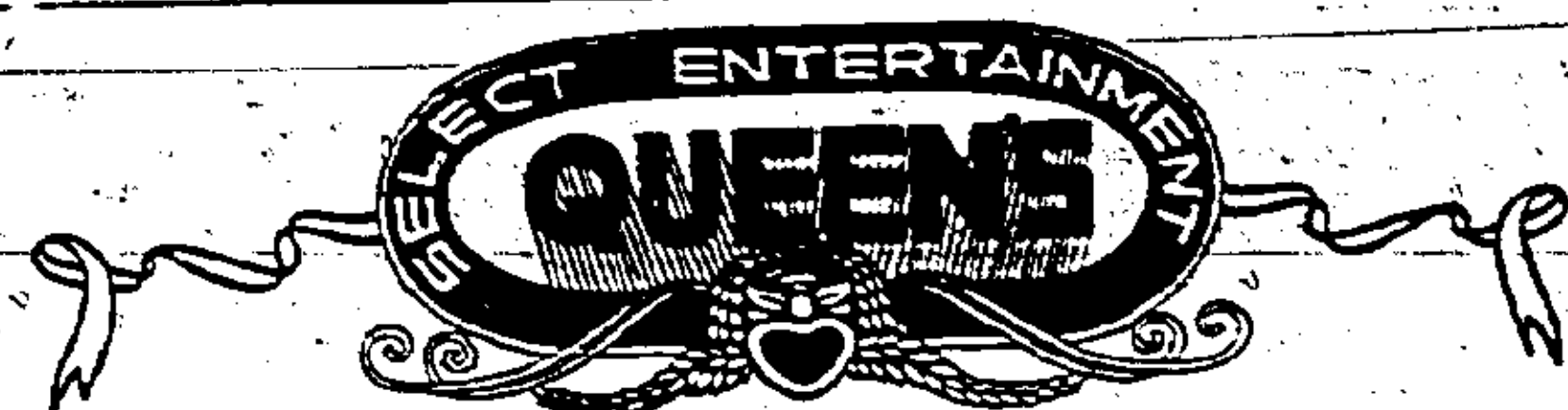
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EXPULSIONS OF GERMANS

Indignation Against Belgium

BERLIN PRESS OPINIONS

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.—The Belgian Government's decision to expel the four German-born inhabitants of the former German Eupen-Malmédy district, following the judgment last October of the Liege Court of Appeal, which deprived the inhabitants in question of their Belgian citizenship, is creating much indignation here.

The *Berliner Tageblatt* says that it is a great mistake on the part of the Belgian Press to suppose such indignation to be merely artificially manufactured. The German nation, writes the paper, is fully aware that the sentence of the deprivation of citizenship on the strength of the law of exception directed exclusively against Belgian citizens of German origin, and that a Belgian citizen of Walloon origin who was advocating closer connection between Belgium and France would never be expelled from Belgium.

Hence, says the paper, the Belgian law is not only a formal contradiction of the Versailles Treaty, but is manifestly anti-German. The whole problem evoked by the expulsions, according to the *Tageblatt*, is of essentially an international nature, and the expulsions are calculated seriously to damage the good neighbourly relations between Belgium and Germany.—*Trans-Ocean Service*.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The following Hong Kong residents are doing the Christmas excursion to Manila and return by the Empress of Japan—Mr. J. R. Swales, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards Jones, Brig. Gen. F. S. Thacker, Mrs. Thacker, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Costello, Mr. R. Hancock, Mr. H. Sauerbeck, Capt. D. B. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Evans, Lt. C. A. Southery, Mr. G. S. Gamble, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. A. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Challinor, Mr. E. Lewis, Miss E. Gibbon, Mr. G. Madgwick, Mrs. A. Kidd, Miss L. A. Lock, Miss H. C. Grashy, Mr. Fung Kwok Wa, Mr. Yip Kwong Hung, Mr. Chiu Ki Pan, Mr. Fong Chung Lum and Mr. Chan Koon Ying.

The name of Mr. Henry Wong has been added to the register of chemists and druggists in the Colony.

A Dinner dance will be held at the Repulse Bay Hotel this evening, and a tea dance to-morrow afternoon. A special bus service, in addition to the ordinary Time Table, has been arranged for the convenience of patrons attending the dinner dance.

Mr. John B. Morris, Far Eastern Manager of the United Press Associations of America, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday, by the President Hoover.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the Christian Science Lecture advertised to take place yesterday has been postponed to Monday at 9.15 p.m. at the Peninsula Hotel.

At to-day's matinee of the "Dick Whittington" pantomime in the Y.M.C.A. the pupils of the Volkova School of Dancing will present an additional ballet number—the babies in the beautiful *Pas de Grace*. This and the other ballet numbers in the pantomime are under the direction of George Goncharoff.

The Canadian Cafe at No. 16, Queen's Road Central (Taiping Building), announce that they have recently extended their kitchen, and that the public are cordially invited to inspect their modern equipment at any time.

XMAS AT SANDRINGHAM

London, To-day.—Their Majesties the King and Queen are leaving London for Sandringham to-day. Other members of the Royal Family who are joining their Majesties at Sandringham for Christmas will follow at the beginning of the week.—*British Wireless Service*.



Aids at the base on Dundee Island planned a rescue expedition as Lincoln Ellsworth, above, and his pilot, H. Hollick-Kenyon, failed, to establish communication some 33 hours after taking off on their trans-Atlantic flight.

HOPEI-CHAHAR SITUATION

Negotiations Still In Progress

SETTLEMENT SOUGHT

Peiping, To-day.—Negotiations are now in progress between the representatives of the Hopei-Chahar Political Council and the Japanese authorities for the settlement of East Chahar situation. Although no concrete decision has yet been reached, the matter is expected to be settled shortly.

There has been no fresh development in the situation in East Chahar during the past few days.

TWO RESIGNATIONS
Nanking: General Shang Chen and General Chin Teh-chun have resigned the position of Director of Peace Preservation for Hopei and Chahar respectively. The resignations were accepted by a mandate of the National Government issued yesterday.

Generals Sung Cheh-yuan and Chang Tze-chung have been appointed to succeed them respectively.

MEETING HELD
Peiping: The Hopei-Chahar Political Council held its second meeting yesterday morning at 8 o'clock. It was attended by Generals Sung Cheh-yuan, Chin Teh-chun, Chang Tze-chung and Wen Fu-lin.

STUDENTS RESTRAINED
The local educational authorities called on General Sung Cheh-yuan yesterday to discuss the recent situation. During the meeting, General Sung explained his difficult position and solicited the co-operation of the educational authorities in coping with the situation.

As a result of careful discussion, a decision was reached that General Sung and the educational authorities should co-operate in prevailing upon students not to hold further demonstrations.—*Central News Agency*.

BOTH HOUSES ADJOURN

Several Acts Receive Royal Assent

London, To-day.—Both Houses of Parliament adjourned yesterday till February 4 with the usual provisions for an earlier reassembly at need.

Several Acts received the Royal assent, including the Four Railways Agreement Act permitting the Government guarantee of loans totalling £26,000,000 for railway modernisation and re-equipment.

One or two minor Government bills were introduced, including one embodying the proposals for the setting up of a sugar commission and the amalgamation into a single corporation of the companies manufacturing sugar.—*British Wireless Service*.

LEAGUE REFORMATION

London, To-day.—In reply at the House of Commons question time, Lord Cranborne, Under Secretary for League Affairs, stated that no recent discussions had taken place nor had plans been circulated to other countries, nor had they been under consideration at home concerning the reform of the League of Nations.—*British Wireless Service*.

The s.s. *Penland* is due here from Singapore next Wednesday.

NANKING COURTING SOUTH-WEST

Mr. Chou Lou Urged To Remain Longer

HIGH POSITION OFFERED TO MR. LIU LU-YIN

[From Our Own Correspondent] Canton, To-day.

Because Mr. Chou Lou's presence in Nanking strengthens the prestige of the National Government, he is urged by his official colleagues to remain longer in Nanking. General Chiang Kai-shek, President of the Executive Yuan, is particularly anxious that Mr. Chou should remain longer in Nanking to attend to his duties as a member of the standing committee of the Central Executive Committee.

Accordingly, Mr. Chou attended the second meeting of the standing committee last Thursday, at which appointments were made to fill the various posts in the Central Kuomintang Headquarters. General Chiang Kai-shek is also urging Mr. Liu Yu-yin, a protégé of Mr. Hu Han-min, to accept the post of Minister of Propaganda. As an inducement to Mr. Liu to remain in Nanking, some of his former subordinates have been given important posts in the Ministry of Propaganda. It is yet unknown whether Mr. Liu will eventually accept the job or return here.

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The theme was the familiar one of the birth of the Lord Jesus. The herald announcing the approaching birth; Mary and the Angel Gabriel; Mary and Joseph in Nazareth; the shepherds in the field; the angels singing; and the final scene when the Magi came to offer their gifts were all portrayed with deep sincerity.

A feature of the play was the exquisite singing of the players and the chorus.

The stage was decorated with brightly lighted Christmas trees, and the rich costumes of the players gave an air of joyfulness to the whole scene. The lighting was done by Messrs. Siemens and Company.

Chief players in the play were: Mary (Fraulein Schmasse); Joseph (Herr Leopold); Angel Gabriel (Frau Beck); Kindly Innkeeper (Herr Adamczewski); Shepherds (Herrren Schult, Ritter, and Seidler); Wise Men (Herrren Sander, May and Sprieder).

The accompaniment was played by Mrs. Arnold (cello); Miss Schroeder (violin); and Mr. G. Longyear (organ).

The play closed with the singing of "O Du Frohliche," an old Christmas folk-song, in which the audience joined.

NAVAL TALKS IN LONDON

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These two proposals have been examined from every aspect with great attention.

It has been considered that the best method of approach to the problem confronting the Conference is a preliminary review of the possible solutions, with the object of determining from such analysis the possibility of an agreed scheme. While therefore the discussions have indicated a general feeling that some form of quantitative limitation would be of great value, no final decision as to the principles underlying the alternative methods under examination has yet been reached.

The Committee will meet again on January 6.—*British Wireless Service*.

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